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Greg Day sparks icers with offense; PAGE 9

# BG NEWS

Bowling Green State University

A daily independent student press

THURSDAY

November 30, 2000

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## Memorial Hall crimes unexplained

By Chuck Soder  
STAFF WRITER

Memorial Hall has hosted three thefts in three days. Campus police and many others are having difficulties explaining these crimes.

The Mens' Mid-American Conference Basketball Championship banner, which is valued at about \$600, was stolen from Memorial Hall on the night of Nov. 11, according to police reports.

Just two days later, custodians reported that three trophies were missing from room 201. Earlier that afternoon, someone reportedly broke into the mens' basketball team's locker room during practice and stole several items including three coats and three wallets, all with cash.

No one is sure if these crimes

are connected. Richard Gullfusen, police information officer, suggests that it is possible, yet unlikely that the same person or group committed all of these crimes.

He stressed that the thief who stole from the locker room committed a different crime and probably had different motives than those who heisted the trophies and the banner.

The banner and trophy thefts are probably the result of a prank or dare, according to Denise Van DeWalle, women's head volleyball coach.

To add to the coincidence, about a week before these crimes, thieves stole cash from the Reserved Officers Training Corps (ROTC) offices of both the Army and the Air Force. Both organizations have experienced theft

before, but never at the same time or amidst so much other crime.

Gloria Martinez, secretary of athletic academic affairs, said that low security did not cause this crime streak. Many of these crimes happened during the daytime when Memorial Hall, like most other campus buildings is open.

During the daytime, Memorial Hall is no safe place for thieves, Gullfusen said. With so many people walking the halls there is a great risk of getting caught, he said.

Currently, Memorial Hall's nighttime security amounts to locking the doors. Martinez believes that locks provide a sufficient deterrent to late-night crime. "Every precaution to secure Memorial Hall is taken," she said.

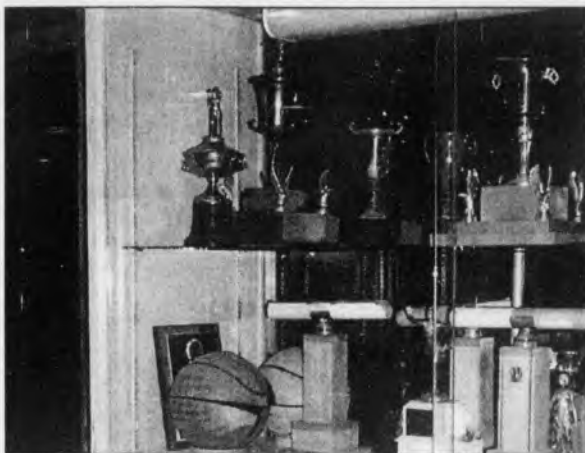
She said that regardless of extra security measures, "if thieves really want to get in, they're going to find a way."

And they do find a way. This is the second time in the past few years that a banner has disappeared in the middle of the night, said Scott Bressler, director of ticket operations.

On the other hand, many believe that security could and should be stronger. Van DeWalle suggests locking the door leading to the reception area when the front desk is unstaffed.

The ROTC has already increased security by changing several locks, said Dan Hoile, department chair of aerospace studies.

Campus Police encourage anyone with information regarding these thefts to call 372-2346.



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**STOLEN GLORY:** Three trophies were stolen in Memorial Hall from room 201. Memorial Hall has also been the site for two other thefts. Police are currently looking for information about the crimes.

## Saved by the BELL

By Ben Scharf  
CHIEF REPORTER

Inside the dormitory, the ear-splitting fire bell goes off at 3 a.m. and drowns out the surprised and angry yells of the residents. The frustrated students emerge from their rooms to see smoke wafting down the hall and they quickly go outside.

Several residents, however, have ignored the bell thinking it's just another false alarm. As smoke starts to fill their rooms they hear the sounds of fire trucks nearing, but they will be too late.

This has never happened at Bowling Green but on Jan. 19, three students were killed and 62 were injured in a dormitory fire at Seton Hall University in New Jersey. Alarms rang throughout the building, but

were ignored due to the frequency of false alarms.

Despite the alarm, there were a large number of students who didn't believe in taking every alarm seriously because they were roused out of bed so many times for pranks.

On Sept. 7, an alarm was pulled at 3 a.m. in Founders and the building was evacuated. Later that night, a second alarm was pulled and the building was evacuated again.

This time, every room was searched to make sure the alarm was effective. 137 students were found in their rooms, assuming it was a false alarm.

In this case, it was another false alarm, but what happens in a real emergency when 137 residents ignore the warning?

The possibility of this happening is very real, according to James Jackson, associate director of the Office of Residence Life.

"We don't want to run into the situation of the residence hall who cried wolf like at Seton Hall last year," James Jackson said.

"Alarms are a big problem, and the majority are false alarms," said James Weigand, chief of the campus police. This year there have been more false alarms than last year.

Between Sept. 7 and Oct. 21, there were 14 alarms pulled in Founders residence hall. Two were minor fires, the rest were false alarms or



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malicious pulls.

McDonald West had 12 alarms in October. Eight of them were malicious.

A malicious alarm is when either arson occurs, an extin-

guisher is set off, smoke detectors are tampered with, or an alarm is pulled for no reason. A malicious alarm means

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#### ON FIRE

The number of fire alarm reports in residence halls went up from three malicious alarms in October 1999 to 19 in October 2000. A malicious alarm is one that is either set off by arson or when something is tampered with.

Fire alarms	Total
Malicious	19
Pulled alarms	7
Extinguisher set off	4
Sign set on fire	2
Dumpster on fire	3
Fire in recycling room	1
Smoke detector on fire	1
Tampered smoke detector	1

Source: Fire Safety Committee

Kimberly Dupps BG News

## Classes limited by lack of space, faculty

By Chasity Lester  
STAFF WRITER

Registration is underway and classes are closing quickly.

"Everything that affects a student getting into classes is dictated by the departments," Rich Hebein, associate director of Student Affairs in the Art and Sciences Department, said.

Departments decide how many classes of each section can be offered according to staffing and room availability. Departments then call the Office of Registration and Records.

Registration sets up classes for the departments and supervises the registration process.

According to Hebein, the department offices set class size limits, set up waiting lists and allow waivers to students to enroll in a class that is full.

Marilyn Motz, popular culture department chair said departments are limited in the registration process.

"The departments schedule as many sections as possible initially," Motz said. Class sections are then dropped if there is insufficient enrollment.

If the demand for a class is greater than what the department offers, a department can petition the college office for the addition of new faculty.

Motz said that faculty members already teach as many classes as possible and rarely

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## School of Art changes admission requirements

By Laura Neidert  
STAFF WRITER

The School of Art is hoping to control enrollment and further improve the quality of students in the program by instituting a new admission standard of a portfolio review.

This will be in effect for all new students in the fall 2001 semester and also for future transfer students. Ideally, the school hopes to complete these reviews on University preview days, or on any Saturday that students

choose to visit the campus.

The first review day will be Saturday, Dec. 2. Students can set up times to meet with faculty members for the review.

According to Lou Krueger, professor in the school, they would hope to see eight to 12 pieces in a review, which can consist of any kind of media.

If students can not bring the pieces here, due to size or difficulty in transport, they can choose to send photos, slides, or whatever else they feel best represents the

work. Krueger said that some students at other schools have sent CDs with slides of their work.

"A portfolio review is a fairly common part of admission at several other schools. It helps us to see where the students are in their work," said Krueger.

This change has been in the works since 1998, having gone through several administrative reviews. Krueger felt that the school had outgrown what they can do in their space, and it would

be more beneficial to the faculty to have serious, motivated students in class.

"Fifty percent of what a student learns in an art class typically is from other students. Hopefully this can provide an even more conducive environment, especially because some classes and majors are quite competitive. As for faculty, hopefully this will encourage them and help to retain them over time," Krueger said.

Brittany Springer, freshman art

education major felt that a portfolio review would have both positive and negative points.

"Having serious students in class would definitely help me get more and better ideas, but it could detract some people from coming here if they weren't that serious about art," Springer said.

Some students feel that a portfolio review could have provided an additional benefit before they came to the University.

Tiffany Monroe, freshman pre-graphic design major said "a port-

folio review would have helped me more, because I could have found out if I was good enough to be in graphic design before I had to officially select a major."

Monroe stated that graphic design is an extremely competitive major due to its overwhelming popularity. Only a few people get into the program, so that results in a large amount of pressure.



## Be attentive to requirements

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take on new sections.

The hiring of new faculty is also limited by budget issues. The budget is handled by the college offices.

Paul Endres, a chemistry undergraduate advisor, said it is important for students to work with the departments. He said departments can assure that students get into the classes they need to graduate.

If a student cannot get into the classes needed and is in danger of not graduating on time, that requirement can be waived, the registration department said.

"There is really nothing you can do if a class is not offered, therefore you cannot not be penalized for it," Becky McOmber, registrar, said.

However, she warns that a student should schedule for a class that is needed as soon as it is offered, to prevent this from happening.

To make sure you get into the classes you need, it is important to:

-Schedule for the classes you need as soon as possible.

-If a class is not offered frequently, schedule for the class as soon as it is available.

-Add your name to the waiting list. A long waiting list can persuade departments to open new sections or petition for new faculty members.

-Be willing to take another class to fulfill your requirements if the one you want is not offered.

-Make sure to check and record what you need to take every semester to make sure you will graduate on time.

-Use your advisor, both in your department and your college.

-Don't be afraid to contact departments and ask questions about class offerings.

## Fire alarms frustrate students

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someone either intentionally tampered with fire safety equipment or purposely started a fire.

Whatever the reason for the alarm, University officials implore residents to treat every fire alarm as if it were real. This October, there were 19 malicious alarms across campus, compared to three in October 1999.

Students are becoming fed up with the frequency of these malicious acts. Ian Moffatte is a freshman business major residing in McDonald East. He is frustrated and "starting to get annoyed with all the fire alarms."

Moffatte, like many other students, resents being evacuated late at night for an alarm. "You get pissed off, tired and cold waiting outside," he said.

John Venables, a freshman business major and McDonald East resident said, "If I'm getting out of bed at 3 a.m., someone better be burning."

These comments were made the day after an act of arson at 3:30 a.m. in the McDonald East recycling room. McDonald East and North residents had to leave the building for an hour while the fire department made sure the buildings were safe.

"I can understand their frustration, but it's for their safety," Lt. Bill Moorman of the Bowling Green Fire Department said, and this frustration affects the fire department and the entire city.

"We send all available trucks, and assume there is a fire until we find out otherwise," Moorman said. When the fire department uses their resources for an unnecessary call, time wasted at the false alarm could result in loss of lives at a real fire elsewhere.

Moorman said the false alarm problem jeopardizes the rest of the community and tampering with any fire safety equipment is a very serious crime.

"If they get caught, we're going to charge them criminally,"

Weigand said. "They are creating a nuisance not only for the police and fire departments, but also for other students. The bottom line is, we will prosecute. No ifs, ands or buts."

In October, a student was caught tampering with a smoke alarm. He has since been expelled from all residence halls, including visiting any hall, and could face felony criminal charges.

According to Sgt. Richard Gullufsen of the campus police, residents have a social responsibility to try and stop this behavior.

"It's unconscionable to endanger people's lives like this. People know who's doing these things, so we really need to have people come forward and put an end to this kind of behavior," Gullufsen said.

Linda Newman, Interim Director of Residence Life added, "What's frustrating is that you know there are people who know who's doing it. If you're tired of waking up at three in the morning for someone who thinks it's funny to pull an alarm, then you need to take some action."

The University has been taking measures to ensure the safety of residents. Over the summer, officials in the Office of Residence Life, Environmental Health and Safety, the Bowling Green Fire Department, and the campus police started meeting to discuss fire safety issues and initiatives.

The group has been trying to come up with a plan to deal with false alarms. "We met first of all to ensure the safety of our students, and second to reduce the number of alarms, whether malicious or real," Weigand said.

They have done this by working closely with the fire department and trying to get students involved and aware of fire safety issues. Seven officers were chosen from the fire department to monitor fire drills in dorms and

to develop a more personal relationship with residents. "We want to let them know where we're coming from," Moorman said.

An intensive fire safety program has also been enacted for all Resident Advisors. The RAs toured the fire station, learned the methodology of the fire department's response to each call, and watched a safety video and a documentary of fire emergencies at other campuses.

They also gained hands on fire extinguisher training and experienced what a real fire is like when the fire department filled the ground floor of Founders with simulated smoke.

Jarett Jackson is a junior pre-medical biology major and a R.A. in Ashley. He said the simulated smoke exercise was very effective. Groups of four people crawled on their hands and knees, holding onto each other's feet while they searched a room and found an exit.

"The smoke was so thick. It was broad daylight outside and you couldn't see the window unless you were a foot away from it," Jarett Jackson said.

The Fire Safety Committee hopes programs like these will help to make residence hall life safer by increasing awareness and respect for fire. The group meets regularly to brainstorm and work toward solutions to the fire alarm problem.

University officials are doing what they can to make residence hall life safer. According to James Jackson, "We've probably got the most comprehensive fire safety program in the state. Nobody else is trying to do as much as we are."

The Fire Safety Committee agrees that the only way to ensure everybody's safety is for residents to be responsible for their halls and to take every alarm seriously, so a fire tragedy like Seton Hall will never happen in Bowling Green.

### A Thursday teaser for you...

Which of the following words don't belong in the group and why?

CORSET, COSTER, SECTOR, ESCORT, COURTS

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# THANK HEAVENS FOR NICE PEOPLE:

There is nothing nicer than walking down the street or into a room and a complete stranger smiles at you. That kind of human kindness can really make a bad day better. It is just those weirdos that wink and lick their lips that you should be wary of.

Oh ... thank you Chapstick!

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## Scream ... your friends won't mind



**APRIL ELLIOT**  
*Scream Lady*

Ahh, to scream. And when I say scream, I mean scream. I screamed today, did you? In the middle of a phone call I screamed like I haven't in so long. Right there in the middle of the newsroom, just put the phone down and screamed. Irritation, and loving somebody too much. That leads to screaming. Frustration, that leads to screaming, too. In this time of stress, because if you weren't already aware of it exams are coming, screaming is what we all need to do. Yep, the realization of failing a couple of classes is kicking in. That feeling of not caring about others is creeping in, too. All this leads to screaming.

I realized that when I went away for Thanksgiving break, I re-evaluated the relationships in my life. Decided who to care about and who not to. Now, a week later I've realized that doing that without them there wasn't fair. I should do it with them right there, right to their faces. Only problem is, we don't always get that chance. But don't scream in faces, it's not polite. And by the way, this article isn't about anyone. This is what we call ramblings; this is random. I am extremely good at random. It's what I seem to do best. Well, one of the things I do best. As many of you might or might not know, I wrote the full-page column that ran in yesterday's paper. It was about players, and I don't apologize for anything that was printed. And I don't apologize for anyone who is so paranoid that they think it's about them. It's what comes out when I get bored, when I ramble.

It was about everybody, I bet most girls related to it. Because girls know boys. I even got some great comments from some boys, cause boys know boys too. It is the truth, yet it is not the truth. So scream, it's fun. There are many places to scream, and many wonderful situations to scream at. Screaming means you care, about you and about others. Go in groups, go

outside, just go scream. I scream because I care. I scream because everyone in my life is beautiful. I scream at the fact that there are so many in my life that I love (Kevin and Jeffrey say they love me) and so many that I shouldn't love. There's this little thing of "Yummy!" Beer and boys, that's "Yummy!" Here's another little thing "Spicy!" Love and screams, that's "Spicy!"

## AROMAS THAT WILL SUPPRESS THE SCREAMS AND REVIVE THE SENSES

**Lavender:** promotes sleep, health and general well-being.  
**Patchouli:** sedating and calming in low doses.  
**Rosemary:** stimulates memory and opens up the conscious mind. Should avoid if pregnant, have high blood pressure or epilepsy.  
**Jasmine:** used for centuries to help women put love spells on men. Uplifting to the emotions, increases intuitive powers and wisdom. It also helps to inspire powerful relationships.  
**Eucalyptus:** helps to rid the body of fly and other viruses. Restores feeling of well-being and increases energy.  
**Citrus:** stimulating to the senses of touch, taste, sight. Energizes.  
**Rose:** creates a sense of well-being and aphrodisiac-like responses. Avoid rose otto during pregnancy.  
\* information found in ELLE magazine



## WORD OF THE DAY GOOGOL

**Pronunciation:** 'gu-'gol  
**Function:** noun  
**Etymology:** Coined by Milton Sirota born about 1929, nephew of Edward Kasner, died 1955  
**Date:** 1938  
1: the figure 1 followed by 100 zeros equal to 10<sup>100</sup>.  
2: a darn cool word that is just fun to scream



**STEVEN KING HAS A BAND?:** Yes, indeed he does. And it is composed completely of famous authors. Sounds like another one of those pre-fabricated boy-bands.



**IS IT GONNA BE THEM?:** If "nsync and Steven Kings band went at it in a battle of the musical genius who do you think would win? That might be scarier than *Pet Cemetery* and *IT*.

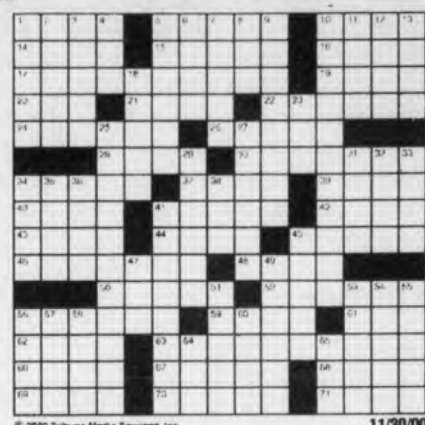
## SAY WHAT?!

"The attitudes of your friends are like the buttons on an elevator. They will either take you up or they will take you down"

**ALEXANDER LOCKHART**  
EXCELLENT QUALITY WHEN IT COMES TO WRITING QUOTES

## CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**  
1 Automatic advances at Wimbledon  
5 Underdog's victory  
10 Sail support  
14 Daffy  
15 Explosive stuff  
16 vena  
17 Teen-ager  
19 Celebration  
20 Biddy  
21 Pat of "Hud"  
22 Holland or Lincoln  
24 "Citizen Kane" co-star Everett  
26 Gage book  
28 Manhattan sch.  
30 Mouth  
34 Baghdad resident  
37 Alleviate  
39 Modern Persia  
40 Mr. Brummell  
41 Bona fide  
42 Firewood measure  
43 Inscription on the cross  
44 Not for in Dogpatch  
45 Remains undecided  
46 Tapering tower  
48 Singer Campbell  
50 Turns, as milk  
52 Choice  
56 Grateful Dead head  
59 Times of note  
61 Pair  
62 Sore point  
63 Philanthropic  
66 Feds  
67 Sierra  
68 Wait nervously  
69 Bucket in a car  
70 Mistake  
71 Pub orders



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**DOWN**  
1 Kin of blues  
2 Alpine tune  
3 Bargain model  
4 Our star

5 Invisible  
6 Twelve-point measure  
7 Engraved slab  
8 Sea eagle  
9 Staggered  
10 "The Seven"  
11 Alca or Ladd  
12 Fictile fish  
13 Mallard's kin  
18 Boredom  
23 Cycle starter?  
25 Willing to go along  
27 Falling behind  
29 Test-pilot Chuck  
31 Mesabi range output  
32 Hallmark offering  
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35 Monthly payment  
36 Bern's river  
38 MacGraw of "Love Story"  
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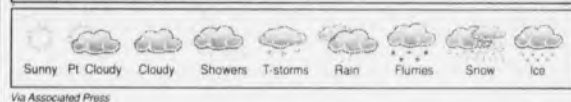
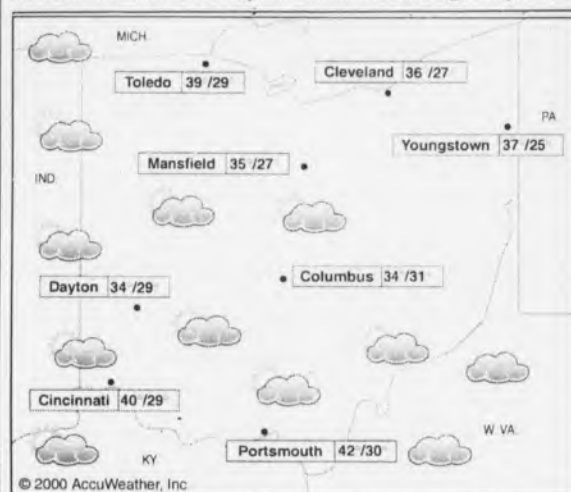
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53 Model of excellence  
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56 Practical jokes  
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High: 37° Low: 27°	High: 32° Low: 21°	High: 39° Low: 23°

## ANSWERS

"I'll get you and your sugar free fat free pudding, too!"



## TV GUIDE SECTION

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2000

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>	11 News	CBS Evening News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	48 Hours "Ecstasy" (N) (In Stereo)	City of Angels "The Lone Free-Ranger" (N) (In Stereo)	Diagnosis Murder "Hot House" (N) (In Stereo)	News	Late Show (N) (In Stereo)			
	13 News	ABC World News Tonight	Entertainment Tonight	Hollywood Squares	Whose Line Is It Anyway?	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Primetime Thursday	News	Nightline (N)			
	24 News	NBC Nightly News	Drew Carey "Prior"	Frasier "Whine Club"	Friends (In Stereo)	Cursed "Pilot" (In Stereo)	Will & Grace	Just Shoot Me	ER "All in the Family" (In Stereo)	News	Tonight Show	
	27 Sixty Plus	Business Rpt.	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Ballykissangel	"Missing You Already"	Mystery! "Helly Wainthrop Investigates" "Digging for Dirt"	Conscience and the Constitution (N)	Coach Gary Blackney	Conscience and the Constitution (N)	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)	Red Green (In Stereo)	
	30 BBC World News	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Business Rpt.	This Old House	New Yankee Workshop	Mystery! "Helly Wainthrop Investigates" "Digging for Dirt"	NSYNC "Intimate Holiday" (N) (In Stereo)	News	Real TV (N) (In Stereo)	Mad About You	Street Smarts	
	36 Simpsons (In Stereo)	Seinfeld "The Stock Tip" (In Stereo)	Spin City "Crisis Cross"	Friends (In Stereo)	Britney Spears: There's No Place Like Home (In Stereo)	WWF Smackdown! The heroes and villains of the World Wrestling Federation meet in the ring. From Minneapolis. (In Stereo)	News	Sports-Detroit	Spin City (In Stereo)	Frasier "Whine Club"		
	60 Simpsons (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Spin City "Crisis Cross"	Friends (In Stereo)								
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>												
AMC	Sun, the Moon and the Stars	Three Stooges			Movie: *** "All About Eve" (1950, Drama) Bette Davis, Anne Baxter, George Sanders. An ambitious actress convives her way to stardom. (C)	Movie: *** "Frances" (1982, Biography) Actress Frances Farmer falls from Hollywood's pinnacle. (C)						
COM	Saturday Night Live Cameron Diaz, Smashing Pumpkins. (C)	Daily Show			Movie: *** "Trading Places" (1983, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Dan Aykroyd, Jamie Lee Curtis. Two men's lives are altered by a bet made between tycoons. (C)	Steve Martin: Seriously Funny (N)	Daily Show	Win Ben Stein's Money				
DISC	Wild Discovery "Wild and Weird: Wild Sex"	Wild Discovery "Wild and Weird: Wild Sex"			On the Inside "Skip Tracers"	UFOs Over Illinois	Secrets of Levitation	Justice Files "Serving Time"				
ESPN	Sportscenter	2-Minute Drill	NFL 2Night (N)		NFL Football: Detroit Lions at Minnesota Vikings. Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome. (Live)			Sportscenter				
HBO	(4:30) Movie: "Reno 911!" (1998, Adventure) Animated. A worker ant falls for the queen's daughter. "PG"				Inside the NFL (N) (In Stereo)	Half Past Autumn: The Life and Works of Gordon Parks A portrait of artist Gordon Parks. (C)	Chris Rock Ice-T. (In Stereo)	G-String Divas (In Stereo)	Inside the NFL (In Stereo)			
HIST	In Search Of	In Search Of...	History's Lost & Found	History IQ	First Americans	Founding Fathers (N) (Part 4 of 4)	U.S. Mints: Money Machines	Suicide Missions "Bounty Hunters"				
F50	Football Today	Last Word (N)	Ohio Sports Tonight	Hardcore Football	College Basketball: Temple at Miami-Ohio. (Live)		National Sports Report	Regional Sports Report	Last Word			
SCI FI	Sliders Sliders land in a world split by computer technology. (C)	Babylon 5 "The Fall of Night" (In Stereo)			Tales From the Crypt	Movie: ** "Mimic" (1997, Science Fiction) Mira Sorvino. A deadly new breed of insect wreaks havoc on New York. (In Stereo)	Outbreak in New York (N)	Crossing Over (In Stereo)	Twilight Zone "The Dummy"			
TLC	How'd They Do That?	Fat Gene Theory that obesity is caused by a genetic defect. (C)			Paramedics The paramedics of Mecklenburg County. (N)	Medical Detectives			Paramedics The paramedics of Mecklenburg County. (N)			
TNT	Walker, Texas Ranger "A Matter of Principle" (In Stereo)	Pretender "Wake-Up" (In Stereo)	JAG "Cabin Pressure" (In Stereo)		Movie: *** "The Man Who Knew Too Little" (1997, Comedy) Bill Murray. A clueless video clerk is caught up in a real spy caper. (C)	Nash Bridges "Trade Off" (In Stereo)		Martin Martin's "Martin in a real spy caper. (C)				
USA	Walker, Texas Ranger "A Matter of Principle" (In Stereo)				Movie: "Sinbad: Beyond the Veil of Mists" (2000, Adventure) Animated. The legendary sailor battles an evil wizard. (In Stereo)							
VH1	Behind the Music "Faith Hill" (In Stereo)	Behind the Music "Creed" (In Stereo)			My Music Awards Pre-Show (In Stereo)	My Music Awards With performances by Christina Aguilera, U2, Creed, Bon Jovi and others. (In Stereo Live)		My Music Awards (In Stereo)				

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## Be attentive to requirements

SECTIONS, FROM PAGE 1

take on new sections.

The hiring of new faculty is also limited by budget issues. The budget is handled by the college offices.

Paul Endres, a chemistry undergraduate advisor, said it is important for students to work with the departments. He said departments can assure that students get into the classes they need to graduate.

If a student cannot get into the classes needed and is in danger of not graduating on time, that requirement can be waived, the registration department said.

"There is really nothing you can do if a class is not offered, therefore you cannot not be penalized for it," Becky McOmber, registrar, said.

However, she warns that a student should schedule for a class that is needed as soon as it is offered, to prevent this from happening.

To make sure you get into the classes you need, it is important to:

-Schedule for the classes you need as soon as possible.

-If a class is not offered frequently, schedule for the class as soon as it is available.

-Add your name to the waiting list. A long waiting list can persuade departments to open new sections or petition for new faculty members.

-Be willing to take another class to fulfill your requirements if the one you want is not offered.

-Make sure to check and record what you need to take every semester to make sure you will graduate on time.

-Use your advisor, both in your department and your college.

-Don't be afraid to contact departments and ask questions about class offerings.

### A Thursday teaser for you...

Which of the following words don't belong in the group and why?

CORSET, COSTER, SECTOR, ESCORT, COURTS

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## Fire alarms frustrate students

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someone either intentionally tampered with fire safety equipment or purposely started a fire.

Whatever the reason for the alarm, University officials implore residents to treat every fire alarm as if it were real. This October, there were 19 malicious alarms across campus, compared to three in October 1999.

Students are becoming fed up with the frequency of these malicious acts. Ian Moffatte is a freshman business major residing in McDonald East. He is frustrated and "starting to get annoyed with all the fire alarms."

Moffatte, like many other students, resents being evacuated late at night for an alarm. "You get pissed off, tired and cold waiting outside," he said.

John Venables, a freshman business major and McDonald East resident said, "If I'm getting out of bed at 3 a.m., someone better be burning."

These comments were made the day after an act of arson at 3:30 a.m. in the McDonald East recycling room. McDonald East and North residents had to leave the building for an hour while the fire department made sure the buildings were safe.

"I can understand their frustration, but it's for their safety," Lt. Bill Moorman of the Bowling Green Fire Department said, and this frustration affects the fire department and the entire city.

"We send all available trucks, and assume there is a fire until we find out otherwise," Moorman said. When the fire department uses their resources for an unnecessary call, time wasted at the false alarm could result in loss of lives at a real fire elsewhere.

Moorman said the false alarm problem jeopardizes the rest of the community and tampering with any fire safety equipment is a very serious crime.

"If they get caught, we're going to charge them criminally,"

Weigand said. "They are creating a nuisance not only for the police and fire departments, but also for other students. The bottom line is, we will prosecute. No ifs, ands or buts."

In October, a student was caught tampering with a smoke alarm. He has since been expelled from all residence halls, including visiting any hall, and could face felony criminal charges.

According to Sgt. Richard Gullfusen of the campus police, residents have a social responsibility to try and stop this behavior.

"It's unconscionable to endanger people's lives like this. People know who's doing these things, so we really need to have people come forward and put an end to this kind of behavior," Gullfusen said.

Linda Newman, Interim Director of Residence Life added, "What's frustrating is that you know there are people who know who's doing it. If you're tired of waking up at three in the morning for someone who thinks it's funny to pull an alarm, then you need to take some action."

The University has been taking measures to ensure the safety of residents. Over the summer, officials in the Office of Residence Life, Environmental Health and Safety, the Bowling Green Fire Department, and the campus police started meeting to discuss fire safety issues and initiatives.

The group has been trying to come up with a plan to deal with false alarms. "We met first of all to ensure the safety of our students, and second to reduce the number of alarms, whether malicious or real," Weigand said.

They have done this by working closely with the fire department and trying to get students involved and aware of fire safety issues. Seven officers were chosen from the fire department to monitor fire drills in dorms and

to develop a more personal relationship with residents. "We want to let them know where we're coming from," Moorman said.

An intensive fire safety program has also been enacted for all Resident Advisors. The RAs toured the fire station, learned the methodology of the fire department's response to each call, and watched a safety video and a documentary of fire emergencies at other campuses.

They also gained hands on fire extinguisher training and experienced what a real fire is like when the fire department filled the ground floor of Founders with simulated smoke.

Jarett Jackson is a junior pre-medical biology major and a R.A. in Ashley. He said the simulated smoke exercise was very effective. Groups of four people crawled on their hands and knees, holding onto each other's feet while they searched a room and found an exit.

"The smoke was so thick. It was broad daylight outside and you couldn't see the window unless you were a foot away from it," Jarett Jackson said.

The Fire Safety Committee hopes programs like these will help to make residence hall life safer by increasing awareness and respect for fire. The group meets regularly to brainstorm and work toward solutions to the fire alarm problem.

University officials are doing what they can to make residence hall life safer. According to James Jackson, "We've probably got the most comprehensive fire safety program in the state. Nobody else is trying to do as much as we are."

The Fire Safety Committee agrees that the only way to ensure everybody's safety is for residents to be responsible for their halls and to take every alarm seriously, so a fire tragedy like Seton Hall will never happen in Bowling Green.

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# THANK HEAVENS FOR NICE PEOPLE:

There is nothing nicer than walking down the street or into a room and a complete stranger smiles at you. That kind of human kindness can really make a bad day better. It is just those weirdos that wink and lick their lips that you should be wary of.

Oh ... thank you Chapstick!

# PAGE 3

## Scream ... your friends won't mind



**APRIL ELLIOT**  
Scream Lady

Ahh, to scream. And when I say scream, I mean scream. I screamed today, did you? In the middle of a phone call I screamed like I haven't in so long. Right there in the middle of the newsroom, just put the phone down and screamed.

Irritation, and loving somebody too much. That leads to screaming.

Frustration, that leads to screaming, too.

In this time of stress, because if you weren't already aware of it exams are coming, screaming is what we all need to do.

Yep, the realization of failing a couple of classes is kicking in. That feeling of not caring about others is creeping in, too. All this leads to screaming.

I realized that when I went away for Thanksgiving break, I re-evaluated the relationships in my life. Decided who to care about and who not to.

Now, a week later I've realized that doing that without them there wasn't fair. I should do it with them right there, right to their faces. Only problem is, we don't always get that chance.

But don't scream in faces, it's not polite.

And by the way, this article isn't about anyone. This is what we call ramblings; this is random. I am extremely good at random. It's what I seem to do best. Well, one of the things I do best.

As many of you might or might not know, I wrote the full-page column that ran in yesterday's paper. It was about players, and I don't apologize for anything that was printed. And I don't apologize for anyone who is so paranoid that they think it's about them. It's what comes out when I get bored, when I ramble.

It was about everybody, I bet most girls related to it. Because girls know boys. I even got some great comments from some boys, cause boys know boys' too.

It is the truth, yet it is not the truth.

So scream, it's fun. There are many places to scream, and many wonderful situations to scream at. Screaming means you care, about you and about others. Go in groups, go

outside, just go scream. I scream because I care.

I scream because everyone in my life is beautiful. I scream at the fact that there are so many in my life that I love (Kevin and Jeffrey say they loves me) and so many that I shouldn't love.

There's this little thing of "Yummy!" Beer and boys, that's "Yummy!" Here's another little thing "Spicy!" Love and screams, that's "Spicy!"

## AROMAS THAT WILL SUPPRESS THE SCREAMS AND REVIVE THE SENSES

**Lavender:** promotes sleep, health and general well-being.

**Patchouli:** sedating and calming in low doses.

**Rosemary:** stimulates memory and opens up the conscious mind. Should avoid if pregnant, have high blood pressure or epilepsy.

**Jasmine:** used for centuries to help women put love spells on men. Uplifting to the emotions, increases intuitive powers and wisdom. It also helps to inspire powerful relationships.

**Eucalyptus:** helps to rid the body of fly and other viruses. Restores feeling of well-being and increases energy.

**Citrus:** stimulating to the senses of touch, taste, sight. Energizes.

**Rose:** creates a sense of well-being and aphrodisiac-like responses. Avoid rose otto during pregnancy.

\* information found in ELLE magazine



Abibo Ngandu

## WORD OF THE DAY GOOGOL

**Pronunciation:** 'gu-'gol  
**Function:** noun  
**Etymology:** Coined by Milton Sirota born about 1929, nephew of Edward Kasner, died 1955  
**Date:** 1938  
1: the figure 1 followed by 100 zeros equal to 10<sup>100</sup>.  
2: a darn cool word that is just fun to scream



**STEVEN KING HAS A BAND?:** Yes, indeed he does. And it is composed completely of famous authors. Sounds like another one of those pre-fabricated boy-bands.



**IS IT GONNA BE THEM?:** If \*nsync and Steven Kings band went at it in a battle of the musical genius who do you think would win? That might be scarier than *Pet Cemetery* and *IT*.

## SAY WHAT?!!

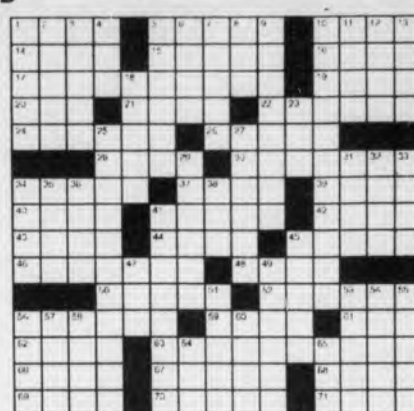
"The attitudes of your friends are like the buttons on an elevator. They will either take you up or they will take you down"

**ALEXANDER LOCKHART**  
EXCELLENT QUALITY WHEN IT COMES TO WRITING QUOTES

## CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Automatic advances at Wimbledon
  - Uncoiled victory
  - Sail support
  - Daffy
  - Explosive stuff
  - vera
  - Teen-ager
  - Celebration
  - Biddy
  - Pat of 'Hud'
  - Holland or Lincoln
  - 'Citizen Kane' co-star Everett
  - Gage book
  - Manhattan sch.
  - Mouth
  - Baghdad resident
  - Alleviate
  - Modern Persia
  - Mr. Brummell
  - Bona fide
  - Firewood measure
  - Inscription on the cross
  - Not fer. in Dogpatch
  - Remains undecided
  - Tapering tower
  - Singer Campbell
  - Turns, as milk
  - Choice
  - Grateful Dead head
  - Times of note
  - Pair
  - Sore point
  - Philanthropic
  - Feds
  - Sierra
  - Wait nervously
  - Bucket in a car
  - Mistake
  - Pub orders

- DOWN**
- Kind of blues
  - Alpine tune
  - Bargain model: pre!
  - Our star
  - Invisible
  - Twelve-point measure
  - Engraved slab
  - Sea eagle
  - Staggered
  - 'The ... Seven'
  - Alca or Ladd
  - Fillet fish
  - Mallard's kin
  - Boredom
  - Cycle starter?
  - Willing to go along
  - Falling behind
  - Test-pilot Chuck
  - Mesabi range output
  - Hallmark offering
  - Brought to a close
  - Cyprian sacred bird
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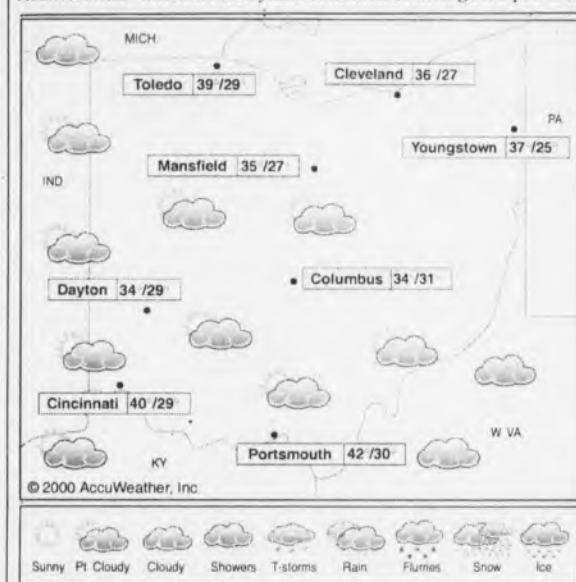
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| 47 Luau dish           | 56 Practical jokes |
| 49 Idler               | 57 High point      |
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## OHIO WEATHER

Thursday, November 30

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, low/high temperatures



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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 37° Low: 27°	High: 32° Low: 21°	High: 39° Low: 23°

## ANSWERS

"I'll get you and your sugar free fat free pudding, too!"



# TV GUIDE SECTION

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2000											
6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
<b>BROADCAST STATIONS</b>											
11 News	CBS Evening News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	48 Hours "Ecstasy" (N) (In Stereo)	City of Angels "The Lone Free-Ranger" (N) (In Stereo)	Diagnosis Murder "Hot House" (N) (In Stereo)	News	News	News	Late Show (N) (In Stereo)	Late Show (N) (In Stereo)
13 News	ABC World News Tonight	Entertainment Tonight	Hollywood Squares	Whose Line Is It Anyway?	Whose Line Is It Anyway?	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (In Stereo)	Primetime Thursday	News	News	Nightline (N)	Nightline (N)
24 News	NBC Nightly News	Drew Carey "Pilot"	Frasier "Whine Club"	Friends (In Stereo)	Cursed "Pilot" (In Stereo)	Will & Grace (In Stereo)	Just Shoot Me (In Stereo)	ER "All in the Family" (In Stereo)	Coach Gary Blackney	Tonight Show (In Stereo)	Tonight Show (In Stereo)
27 Sixty Plus	Business Rpt.	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Ballykissangel "Missing You"	This Old House	New Yankee Workshop	Mystery! "Hetty Wainthropp Investigates" "Digging for Dirt"	Conscience and the Constitution (N)	Conscience and the Constitution (N)	Charlie Rose (In Stereo)	Red Green (In Stereo)	Red Green (In Stereo)
30 BBC World News	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Business Rpt.	Friends (In Stereo)	Briney Spears: There's No Place Like Home (In Stereo)	NSYNC "Intimate Holiday" (N) (In Stereo)	News	Real TV (N) (In Stereo)	Mad About You	Street Smarts		
36 Simpsons (In Stereo)	Seinfeld "The Stock Tip" (In Stereo)	Spin City "Crisis Cross"	Friends (In Stereo)	WWF Smackdown! The heroes and villains of the World Wrestling Federation meet in the ring. From Minneapolis. (In Stereo)		News	Sports-Detroit	Spin City (In Stereo)	Frasier "Whine Club"		
50 Simpsons (In Stereo)	Friends (In Stereo)	Spin City "Crisis Cross"	Friends (In Stereo)								
<b>CABLE STATIONS</b>											
AMC	Sun, the Moon and the Stars	Three Stooges	Movie: *** "All About Eve" (1950, Drama) Bette Davis, Anne Baxter, George Sanders. An ambitious actress connives her way to stardom.	Movie: *** "Trading Places" (1983, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Dan Aykroyd, Jamie Lee Curtis. Two men's lives are altered by a bet made between tycoons.	Steve Martin: Seriously Funny (N)	Steve Martin: Seriously Funny (N)	Daily Show	Win Ben Stein's Money			
COM	Saturday Night Live Cameron Diaz, Smashing Pumpkins.	Daily Show	Movie: *** "Trading Places" (1983, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Dan Aykroyd, Jamie Lee Curtis. Two men's lives are altered by a bet made between tycoons.	On the Inside "Skip Tracers"	UFOs Over Illinois	Secrets of Levitation	Justice Files "Serving Time"				
DISC	Wild Discovery "Wild and Weird: Wild Life"	Wild Discovery "Wild and Weird: Wild Life"	On the Inside "Skip Tracers"	UFOs Over Illinois	Secrets of Levitation	Justice Files "Serving Time"					
ESPN	Sportscenter	2-Minute Drill	NFL 2Night (N)	NFL Football: Detroit Lions at Minnesota Vikings. Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome. (Live)			Sportscenter				
HBO	Movie: *** "Antz" (1998, Adventure) Animated. A worker ant falls for the queen's daughter. PG	Inside the NFL (N) (In Stereo)	Movie: *** "Trading Places" (1983, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Dan Aykroyd, Jamie Lee Curtis. Two men's lives are altered by a bet made between tycoons.	First Americans	Founding Fathers (N) (Part 4 of 4)	U.S. Mints: Money Machines	Suicide Missions "Bounty Hunters"	Regional Sports Report	Last Word		
HIST	In Search Of	History's Lost & Found	History IQ & Found	College Basketball: Temple at Miami-Ohio. (Live)	National Sports Report	Paramedics The paramedics of Mecklenburg County. (N)	Medical Detectives	Medical Detectives	Outbreak in New York (N)	Paramedics The paramedics of Mecklenburg County. (N)	Paramedics The paramedics of Mecklenburg County. (N)
FSO	Football Today	Last Word (N)	Ohio Sports Tonight	Hardcore Football	Tales From the Crypt	Movie: *** "The Man Who Knew Too Little" (1997, Comedy) Bill Murray. A clueless video clerk is caught up in a real spy caper.	Movie: *** "The Man Who Knew Too Little" (1997, Comedy) Bill Murray. A clueless video clerk is caught up in a real spy caper.	Nash Bridges "Trade Off" (In Stereo)	Martin Martin's "Martin in the Backfires" (In Stereo)	Martin Martin's "Martin in the Backfires" (In Stereo)	Martin Martin's "Martin in the Backfires" (In Stereo)
SCI FI	Sliders Sliders land in a world split by computer technology.	Babylon 5 "The Fall of Night" (In Stereo)	Fat Gene Theory that obesity is caused by a genetic defect.	Movie: *** "The Man Who Knew Too Little" (1997, Comedy) Bill Murray. A clueless video clerk is caught up in a real spy caper.	Movie: *** "The Man Who Knew Too Little" (1997, Comedy) Bill Murray. A clueless video clerk is caught up in a real spy caper.	Movie: *** "The Man Who Knew Too Little" (1997, Comedy) Bill Murray. A clueless video clerk is caught up in a real spy caper.	Movie: *** "The Man Who Knew Too Little" (1997, Comedy) Bill Murray. A clueless video clerk is caught up in a real spy caper.	Movie: *** "The Man Who Knew Too Little" (1997, Comedy) Bill Murray. A clueless video clerk is caught up in a real spy caper.	Movie: *** "The Man Who Knew Too Little" (1997, Comedy) Bill Murray. A clueless video clerk is caught up in a real spy caper.	Movie: *** "The Man Who Knew Too Little" (1997, Comedy) Bill Murray. A clueless video clerk is caught up in a real spy caper.	Movie: *** "The Man Who Knew Too Little" (1997, Comedy) Bill Murray. A clueless video clerk is caught up in a real spy caper.
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## U.S. MUSLIMS CELEBRATE RAMADAN

NEW YORK (AP) — The first of winter's major religious holidays got under way this week as Muslims began the holy month of Ramadan, fasting during the day and, particularly in the U.S., eating out at night. Ramadan usually lasts 29 or 30 days, and during it observant Muslims abstain from eating, drinking, smoking and sexual intercourse between sunrise and sunset.

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## OPINION

## EDITORIAL

## Pulling a fire alarm isn't funny

Imagine waking up to the loud blare of the fire alarms at 4:30 a.m. when you have to go to class at 8:30 a.m.

The fire alarms wake students up at night and keep them from studying during the day. This is a very good thing if there is a fire.

The alarms will save the lives of hundreds of people when a fire hits. It wakes the students up or gets them away from what they are doing and gets them outside, to safety.

However, all too often, the alarms go off when there is not a fire.

Students seem to think it funny, or just another practical joke and get pleasure from setting off the fire alarm late at night when everyone is sleeping.

Though they think it is funny, it is actually quite harmful to sound the alarm as often as they do. After so many false alarms students will eventually start to ignore them and not go outside; many students already do.

There have been cases in which the fire alarm has gone off three nights in a row in an individual residence hall. By that third night, a lot of students will

## YOU DECIDE

What do you think about false fire alarms? Let us know at [bgnews@listproc.bgsu.edu](mailto:bgnews@listproc.bgsu.edu)

just think it is another false alarm and stay in bed.

Besides the fact that false alarms are like "crying wolf," it is also bad for students who have to get up early in the morning to go to class. This becomes diffi-

cult when they are woken up at 4:30 a.m.

While it may be a false alarm a majority of the time, it is a serious issue every time an alarm goes off. One never knows when it could be due to a real fire. Therefore, it is important to get out of the building no matter what.

Within the last several years, there have been fires in Rodgers and Conklin. They have happened in the past; they are bound to occur again.

Every time the alarms go off, a person is putting their life in

jeopardy by not evacuating the building.

It is also important to get out of the building, even if you think it is a false alarm, because it is illegal to ignore the fire alarms. The Residence Advisors have permission to do room checks when ever there is a fire alarm and anyone caught in their room may be subject to arrest.

Although it is up to the residents to get out of their rooms when a fire alarm goes off, they would not need to worry if there were no false alarms.

Now, it is understandable if an

alarm goes off due to burnt popcorn or hairspray gone awry (and this does happen), but a lot of the false alarms can be cut out if the bored, drunk people who are up late would not pull them for fun.

There are other ways to have fun. Pulling the alarms to wake people up, and essentially putting their lives into jeopardy is not exactly a good way. This only shows a lack of caring for the welfare of your fellow students.

We need to be able to trust the fire alarms when they go off, so please don't set them off when there is not a real fire.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Reporters had no respect for dead student

This letter is being written in response to the tasteless article "U. Student Dies." I have a few words to say about the whole ordeal and the way your "so-called reporters" handled it. First of all, I was there when this was happening. Your "reporters" (and I put that in quotations because they really do not deserve the title) held themselves to the lowest possible ethical mark humanly conceivable! The waited outside to snap that oh-so-wonderful picture. What were you thinking? Did they believe that this event was a scoop that had to be reported as a murder case? Miranda Morris wasn't some random person who died in the cold of the night in Central Park in New York City. She was a friend to many, a coworker who was dependable, and a beloved daughter/sister of her family. How dare you treat her as a no-name, one-in-a-billion type person! She was a big part of the Bowling Green community: her suite, floor, building and campus ... and always will be in spirit! Do you feel better knowing that The BG News was represented in that manner? And, to the one who took that picture, can you sleep better at night knowing that your name will forever be associated with that picture? I am sure that

your mother would be so proud. And, maybe, just maybe you will actually score that million dollar picture. To think that you could be the one person to capture history through your eyes. Just imagine how special the paparazzi felt knowing that they saw the last breath that Princess Dianne ever took! Go ahead and defend your actions; I already know what you're going to say: Freedom of Press. Since when do "reporters" get the right to destroy a person's integrity? That picture was completely out of line and I think that you all know it! Would you like to be the one there to show Mr. and Mrs. Morris the article written and picture taken? I sure didn't! It completely made the situation look like a bad, very bad scene from a cop show. And, if any one of you knew the truth, you'd know that it was nothing like that at all! Nothing unnatural occurred, so stop acting like it did. And, as far as the people you interviewed, did you even ask to see how well they knew Miranda? I'm telling you now, as a fact ... not well at all. And, for future reference, will you leave her roommates alone? How dare you have the audacity and insensitivity to call her roommates and leave a message that very night! Did you honestly believe that they would talk to you or give a comment about the situation? If and ONLY if they want to talk to you, they will contact you (and not the other way around). The injus-

tice of the whole situation makes me physically ill. I believe in order to make things right, you owe Miranda, her friends, family and coworkers a huge apology! How the hell could you print that trash instead of a well-thought-out memorial for her? Ethics, values, common sense and a little tact ... I suggest using these next time you decide to print an article about the loss of a BGSU student; who is as much a part of your community as ours! Respect for one another is a great thing! Remember that.

Thanks for taking the time to read this. AND, if we learn one thing from this, please, please let it be to live EACH and EVERY DAY to its fullest ... for you never know which will be your last!

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## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

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## Christmastime makes my family go totally insane

AT ISSUE What is it about the holidays that turns regular people into maniacs?

It's that time of year again.

I don't know about the rest of you, but Thanksgiving with my family came and went without major incident. Just the usual annoyances. My aunt threatening not to come if her brother was going to be there, my grandma asking why I don't have a boyfriend yet, and my mom griping about everyone else's attitudes. Just some typical holiday "family time" at grandma's house.

I don't know what it is about this time of year that seems to set everyone into a schizophrenic episode. All the cooking and cleaning of Thanksgiving makes everyone crazy. Then, just when you think it's all over, comes the infamous mall madness Friday. Frenzied people rushing to the stores, some even waiting outside in the cold for the doors to open, all fighting to get a head start on Christmas shopping.

Why do holidays seem to bring out the worst in people? The most amiable adults can transform without warning into tantrum-throwing and fist-fighting children when someone else beats them to the last Furby on the shelf. Whatever happened to "holiday cheer" and all that good stuff?

We grow up being taught that there's something special about this time of year. As though there's something different in the air we breathe or the water we drink between November and January that gives us warm fuzzy feelings. Then we grow up. We taste the plain water and breathe the plain air and begin to see the unmagical side of the holidays.

In some sort of attempt to recapture that childhood magic, some people experience mild to moderate mental and emotional distress. Others turn into psychopaths. Everyone has their own ideas about what makes this time of year special, and they try their best to create it themselves.

Take my grandma for example. She's normally a pretty sweet lady, but beginning a little before Thanksgiving and ending after New Years, she turns into some fairy godmother. Walking into her house, you would be overpow-



ERIN HELLEPPIE  
Opinion columnist

ered by the decorations, music, and overall sense of store bought holiday spirit. Not to mention the big smile she plastered on, or her "happy voice" that's a few octaves above the one she uses the rest of the year. For my grandma, the holidays are about being joyful and festive, and she does everything she can to become that ideal.

Then there's my stepmother. Professional shopper and the queen of credit. Whatever the toy craze of the season happens to be, she makes sure she's the first to snatch it off the shelf. When my brother opened his Tickle Me Elmo a couple years ago, I still remember her proudly recounted story of the woman she had to fight for it. For her, Christmas is about gifts, and making sure the right people get the right ones. Never have I seen more of a sense of accomplishment on her face than during gift opening.

But how successful, really, are they at recreating the holiday magic they felt as children? All the frantic hassles, the desperate attempts, and for what? So they can be totally miserable for a month and a half and scare everyone around them? Is that what it's all about, running oneself ragged to produce the right atmosphere, the right package? Is the spirit of Christmas something that can be manufactured?

I hope that, this year, we will attempt to break this destructive mindset and find some meaning in the midst of the craziness. That Thanksgiving isn't just about food, and Christmas isn't just about shopping. We all have so much to be thankful for and so much more worth giving than pre-packaged cheese logs and gift certificates. The real joy of the season is in appreciating the blessings of the people in our lives and the giving of ourselves.

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# STUDENT CRITICAL AFTER HANGING

NEW YORK (AP) — A high school student, Quentin Martin, was in critical condition after an accident left him hanging from a noose in an art classroom. Martin, 17, climbed up on a pipe or baseboard, put a noose being used in an art lesson over his head, and then lost his balance, they said.

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## Holiday season a time of worry for gay runaways

By Margie Mason  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Jason Karella told himself he was gay at age 10. Seven years later, he told his mother. She told him to get out.

With nowhere to go, the youngster from Soldotna, Alaska, struck out for San Francisco. It was a place that always looked warm and accepting on television.

Karella, now 24, long ago abandoned that idea. One of many young, lost souls who run to San Francisco every year in search of a welcoming shoulder from the gay community, Karella instead met with the twin scourges of the city's runaway population — homelessness and AIDS.

"I ran to San Francisco because people told me this was the gay mecca," said Karella, an HIV-positive drug abuser living in a shelter. "I came under false pretenses. People said they would help me, and they didn't."

This time of year, the city's population of gay runaways tends to swell. The holidays are when many youngsters choose to confront confusion about their sexual identity.

"It's a time when a lot of gay and lesbian people come out to families," said Stephen Russell, a gay youth educator at the University of California at Davis. And if that decision backfires, San Francisco often is the first place they turn.

"A lot of our youth try to go home," added Sam Cobbs, manager of the Larkin Street Youth Center's LARK-Inn, one of two city shelters. "What usually happens is they get there and everything is fine and after the leftover turkey is

gone ... they're back in the same situation."

After those short-lived reconciliations fail, Cobbs said, many of the same faces show up looking for a bed.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force estimates 26 percent of gay youngsters are forced from their homes because of conflicts surrounding their sexual orientation.

The Larkin shelter serves about

3,000 youngsters a year. Forty percent are gay, lesbian or transgender.

While many believe San Francisco is the best-equipped city to handle gay and homeless issues, the city struggles to deal with the onslaught. There are no gay-specific shelters, and that keeps many gay youngsters from requesting a bed. They fear ridicule or beatings from straight kids bunking near them.



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**HOPE:** Jason Karella, left, and Eduardo Bega greet each other at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center in San Francisco. Karella is one of many young who run to San Francisco every year in hopes of finding a welcoming shoulder from the gay community.

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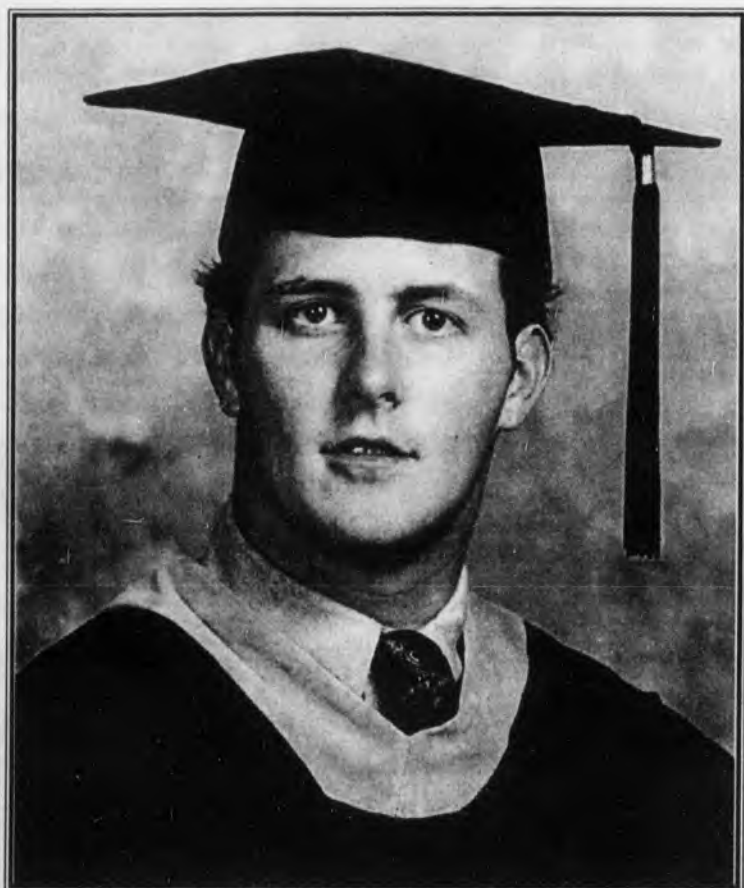
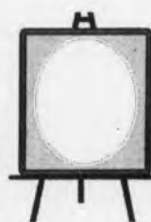
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# Shepard goes to Laramie

By Robert W. Black  
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LARAMIE, Wyo. — In a hushed and somber hall, a play about the brutal death of gay college student Matthew Shepard made its Laramie debut about five miles from the scene of the crime.

The audience — some of whom appear in the drama as characters — cheered and gave a two-minute standing ovation Tuesday night after the performance of "The Laramie Project."

"Certain wounds attack so deep they can never fully heal but this certainly helps the healing a lot," said Matt Galloway, one of the last people to see Shepard alive.

The play, produced by New York's Tectonic Theater Co., offers a vast array of characters based on interviews cast members and production staff conducted with residents after the University of Wyoming student's beating two years ago. It opened Feb. 26 in Denver and had its off-Broadway opening May 18 in New York.

"For such a difficult topic and subject it was so well done," said Susan Stoddard, a Laramie counselor. "I'm just so glad I was here."

Shepard is not a character in the play, but he is described and remembered from different angles by friends, teachers and acquaintances. Each of the eight actors portray multiple characters.

Actor Stephen Belber's animated portrayal of Galloway, a Laramie bartender, drew some of the loudest laughs. Most of the mood, however, was solemn, as the play took the audience through the events surrounding the crime and its effect on the city.

Galloway, who had seen the play before, fidgeted in his seat at times during the performance. He said he has not yet grown accustomed to watching "himself."

"You see your mannerisms, your vocabulary," he said. "It's definitely getting more difficult."

In October 1998, Shepard was beaten, tied to a fence in a prairie

field and left to die. Two men, Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson, are serving life sentences for the murder.

The attack, which spurred international condemnation and candlelight vigils, has been repeatedly referred to by President Clinton in urging Congress to pass legislation allowing federal authorities to investigate crimes based on sexual orientation.

The play is the culmination of more than 200 interviews conducted by New York playwright Moises Kaufman and his theater troupe during six visits to Laramie.

Actress Barbara Pitts, who portrays a lesbian university professor, a Muslim woman and a grandmother of one of Shepard's killers, said the cast has to strive to keep from becoming too emotional on stage.

"A lot of us have formed close friendships now with one or more people we play or someone that

we've interviewed a lot," she said.

Some in the audience dabbed tears when actor John McAdams portrayed Shepard's father, Dennis, saying how he will miss his son, and actor Greg Pierotti's rendering of a hospital spokesman breaking down when he announced that Shepard had died.

"The Laramie Project" which has been performed more than 200 times, runs for four more nights at the University of Wyoming's 400-seat Fine Arts Center main stage.

Hours before the play's Laramie debut, Kaufman said Shepard's murder was one of history's "watershed" moments, an event that served as a lightning rod.

"Against that lightning rod you see very clearly the ideas, the beliefs, that form the pillars of that society," he said. "In those watershed moments, if you listen to people, they will tell you how those ideas govern their lives."



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**DIRECTOR:** Moises Kaufman, right, director of "The Laramie Project" speaks with Matt Galloway, the bartender at the Fireside Bar in Laramie, Wyo., where Matthew Shepard was last seen alive.

## City ponders how to deal with its rat problem

By Timothy Williams  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Some big cheeses held a summit Wednesday at Columbia University on how to get rid of the rats that seem to be overrunning New York City.

"Twenty years ago this city had a concerted effort to fight rats," rat expert Randy Dupree said somewhat wistfully. "That stopped, and now we've seen a burgeoning of the rodent population. What we need is everyone to join in on a war on rats."

About 250 rat-weary citizens turned out for the Rat Summit, at which academics, health officials, politicians and bureaucrats focused on Public Enemy No. 1 — *Rattus norvegicus*, commonly known as the Norwegian rat.

"Rat rage" appears to be on

the rise in New York. At a recent rally on the steps of City Hall, demonstrators chanted such slogans as, "One rat, two rat, three rats, four, everywhere I look there's more and more."

The city now has two official rat hot lines and a new City Council committee that focuses specifically on vermin, and Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani has designated an official as the city's "rat czar."

"We make unprecedented efforts to kill rats," Giuliani said. "We kill more of them than any place else. We probably lead the country in rat killing."

City Councilman Bill Perkins proposed banning the city's wire-mesh trash receptacles because they make it easy for rats to get to the garbage.

Deputy Mayor Joseph Lhota,

the rat czar, urged everyone to be more sanitary.

Bruce Colvin, who works as a consultant on rats, said estimates of 8 million rats in the city are almost certainly exaggerated, as are tales about about foot-long monsters roaming the sewers and coming out at night to feed on stray cats and lost puppies.

To control rats, Colvin insisted, New York should not focus on killing rodents by placing packets of poison in abandoned lots and on subway tracks, but should instead concentrate on eliminating the animals' food, particularly grease from restaurants.

"For rats, grease is a high-protein food source," he said. "It allows them to kick up their sex drive. You know the rest."



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**RATS:** New York City member Bill Perkins stresses the importance of using a sealed metal container for the rubbish during the "War on Rats," summit Wednesday. There's a real, live turf war going on between New Yorkers and foot-long, mangy rats.

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# U.N. officials raid Bosnian bars

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Six U.N. police officers were removed from the Bosnian mission and sent home because of "inappropriate behavior" after a raid on three bars, the U.N. said Wednesday. Local police, assisted by U.N. officers, raided the nightclubs in the Bosnian Serb town of Prijedor on Nov. 13 and found 33 women apparently forced into prostitution — some believed to be as young as 14.

# WORLD

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## Greek ferry owner commits suicide

By Patrick Quinn  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PIRAEUS, Greece — The general manager of a shipping company under siege for one of Greece's worst maritime disasters leaped to his death Wednesday near the port where the ferry departed on its doomed voyage that left 80 people dead.

Pandelis Sfinias, 62, jumped from the sixth floor of the building housing Minoan Lines and landed on a parked car. He died instantly, police said.

"Every suicide is a tragic event and I can only express my deepest regrets," Premier Costas Simitis said in Budapest, Hungary, where he is on an official visit.

Minoan Lines is the parent corporation of Minoan Flying Dolphins, which owned the ferry that sank in a gale Sept. 26. A judicial investigation still has not

determined why the Express Samina slammed into a well-marked rocky islet with more than 500 people on board off the Aegean Sea island of Paros.

Some passengers allege that crew members were watching a soccer match on television when the ship rammed into the crag. The ferry's captain has admitted he was dozing in his cabin at the time. He and the first officer have been jailed pending trial on charges equivalent to murder.

Crew members, survivors and relatives of the dead have filed dozens of lawsuits seeking more than \$32.5 million in compensation. Minoan Flying Dolphins also faces criminal charges for exposing passengers to danger.

According to the state-run Athens News Agency, Sfinias was discussing the problems created by the sinking with the manager

of another ferry company when he suddenly opened the window and jumped.

Ioannis Lefakis, manager of Saronikos Ferries, said Sfinias did not mention suicide before leaping to his death, the agency reported.

Sfinias began his career as a shipping clerk at Minoan Lines and steadily rose through the ranks. In 1977, he established Minoan Flying Dolphins. By the end of 1999, the company along with its parent Minoan Lines owned more than 35 ferries, having bought out nearly every shipping company working the Aegean.

Trading of Minoan shares on the Athens Stock Exchange was suspended after it plummeted by 12 percent, the maximum allowable daily loss.



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**POLICE:** Police investigate the covered body, behind car, of Pantelis Sfinias, general manager of Greek shipping company Minoan Lines, who committed suicide by jumping from the 6th floor of his company's building in the port of Piraeus. Minoan Lines is the parent corporation of the company that owned the ferry Express Samina that sank after hitting a rocky islet near the Aegean island of Paros two months ago killing at least 80 people of the 500 on board.

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**CORN:** Mixteco Indian Josefina Ramirez, walks among dead corn stalks on barren land near her home in Los Tejocotes. Mexico is hoping to find a solution for hardscrabble communities that are clinging to eroded lands.

## Challenges await Mexico

By Julie Watson  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

REKUSACHI, Mexico — President Lazaro Cardenas gave him his land. President Carlos Salinas de Gortari gave him his farm aid. President Ernesto Zedillo gave him bags of food.

After living through seven decades of programs by Mexico's ruling party to end poverty, all Jose Ignacio Zaragosa has to show for it is a bone-thin cow nibbling on weeds next to his mud shack.

But for the first time in the Tarahumara Indian's life, an opposition president will take office Friday under the promise of revamping the country.

Changing the life of Zaragosa

and more than 40 million other Mexicans who earn less than \$2 a day could be Vicente Fox's biggest challenge, and one that leaders across Latin America have struggled for years to solve with only marginal success.

Yet Fox aims to do what almost no other president in the region has accomplished — reduce poverty by 30 percent in a single term.

Fox said Sunday that two of his top actions as president will be creating a national scholarship fund "to ensure that never again in this country a young person is denied the opportunity to attend college, and starting a "social bank" with micro-lending pro-

grams and credit unions to give Mexico's poor, especially women, access to loans.

Upon announcing his Cabinet appointments in charge of such a task, Fox promised to "improve the life of every Mexican man and woman, of every family, and promote the intrinsic development of the communities that form this country."

Zaragosa, 70, has heard such promises time and again. But the frail man wearing a donated, pink girl's coat, finds himself year after year scrambling to feed his family.

His 2-year-old granddaughter suffers from severe malnutrition. His wife's leg, swollen with an infection, is nearly twice the size of the other, but there is no money for medicine.

## Europe battles mad cow

By Constant Brand  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BRUSSELS, Belgium — With cases of mad cow disease cropping up across Europe, the European Union proposed a slate of new measures Wednesday to try to eradicate the lethal brain-wasting disease and stem a public health scare over beef.

The union's executive commission proposed an EU-wide ban on animal products in fodder for cows, pigs and poultry for six months starting Jan. 1 and the testing of hundreds of thousands of older cattle.

The steps are part of an attempt to launch a Europe-wide strategy to stop mad cow disease from spreading to humans. Two people in France and 80 in Britain have died from the human form of the disease; 89 people across the EU have been infected.

Mad cow disease "is now moving from one member state to another," EU Health Commissioner, David Byrne, said. "We should adopt an overall approach to address the risks so consumers can see what is done to protect their health."

The latest scare over mad cow disease was sparked by the discovery of infected cows in France, along with a recorded

case of its human form. Since then, scientists have found the first cattle with the disease in Germany and Spain.

That triggered bans of French beef imports in several EU countries, as well as in East European nations, which have banned imports from EU members with reported cases of mad cow disease.

Agriculture ministers from the 15-nation bloc were expected to approve the temporary fodder ban on Monday along with other recommendations. Last week, they agreed in principle to more testing of cattle of 30 months and older.

Some half a million cattle could be tested in the first six months of 2001 under the proposal, officials said. After that, the EU would review whether to continue the testing.

Mad cow disease — known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE — is thought to be transmitted when cattle eat fodder with ground parts of infected animals. It is thought to cause variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease in humans if meat from infected animals is eaten.

The European Commission also recommended Wednesday that the list of "specified risk material" — animal parts such as

brains and nerve tissues that are believed key to the spread of mad cow disease — be expanded to include the intestine of beef of all ages.

Britain's food safety agency said Wednesday it was too early for a decision on whether French beef should be banned from Britain. Sir John Krebs said he did not believe an import ban was justified for now. "You could do it on nationalistic grounds, but not on health grounds," he said.

Also Wednesday, Spain followed France's example and banned meat and bone meal from animal feed ahead of next week's agriculture ministers meeting.

The health scare has rivaled the fears raised in 1996 when scientists linked mad cow disease to variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease. Countries across Europe banned beef from Britain. The bans have since been lifted.

"Consumers now clearly want copper-fastened guarantees that these controls are being implemented," Byrne told reporters.

In France alone, where 90 mad cow cases have been reported this year, sales are down 40 percent. Beef prices across the EU have slumped 5.9 percent because of a drop in demand.



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**BUTCHERY:** Michel, right, an employee of the Picou Butchery, shows a piece of beef to an unidentified client in a Toulouse market, southwestern France. European Union farm ministers decided to begin testing cattle more than 30 months old for mad cow disease.

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## The Sideline Squad sees the future



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And there is good news. The future is bright for the Bowling Green men's basketball team. We didn't think Coach Dakich would like us telling you how this season is going to turn out, so we won't tell you the actual outcomes of any of the games. But what we will do is give you some of the highlights that we see this season.

We are going to start the season 1-1. This is a certainty.

On Dec. 13, in Ann Arbor, better known as Hell, the University of Michigan is engulfed in flames and everyone on campus burns to death.

The headline in The BG News the next day reads: **World Peace and a Big Ten Football Championship for the Buckeyes is Now Attainable.** Needless to say, the game is considered a forfeit.

On Dec. 20, a day before the Falcons' home game against Wilmington College, the Kent State University police find the KSU basketball team trying to hang an orange and brown MAC Championship banner in Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center.

The police ask the players for written confessions. Half of the team can not produce legible English sentences. Star center John Whorton can't even spell his own name.

On the road against defending national champs Michigan State, Tom Izzo is so confident that his Spartans will defeat the Falcons, he gives his team the day off.

Result: NCAA rules stipulate that both teams need to show up for the game so another forfeit falls in favor of the Orange and Brown.

On Jan. 10 against the less than reputable Buffalo Bisons, Brandon Pardon sets an NCAA precedent for being the first person to break a defenders ankle when he performs his patented crossover dribble.

After the game Buffalo's coach, Reggie Weatherspoon, files an official complaint with the NCAA claiming that a player moving that quick has to be on performance enhancing drugs.



# SPORTS

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## A very offensive decision

### Krebs down to three offensive specialists for football coaching job

By Nick Hum  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Gary Blackney's replacement is on his way.

Sources close to the football program say either Jim Chaney, Urban Meyer or Jay Norvell will be packing up his stuff and heading to Bowling Green soon.

The sources who asked to remain anonymous, say the head coaching position for the BG football team is down to three finalists and a final decision should be made by Wednesday of next week.

After former BG coach Gary Blackney turned in his resignation on Oct. 26, the BG athletic department, headed by Athletic Director Paul Krebs, began a national search for the 15th head



Urban Meyer

coach in the 82-year history of the program.

Word is that Purdue offensive coordinator Chaney, Notre Dame receivers coach Meyer and Indianapolis Colts receivers coach Norvell are the three finalists for the job.

Chaney is currently in his fourth season with Purdue and third as offensive coordinator. He also coaches the offensive line and is in charge of recruiting efforts.

Chaney, a native of Holden, Mo. began coaching at Cal State Fullerton right after graduating

from Central Missouri State in 1984. He spent one season as an offensive line coach in the Mid-American Conference for Western Michigan in 1988.

He spent two years as a full-time tight end and recruiting coach at Wyoming before joining Purdue in 1997. As the Boilermakers offensive coordinator, Chaney has seen success. In 1999, his offense ranked in the top 10 nationally, was the best in the Big 10 and is once again nationally ranked this season.

At Notre Dame Meyer has also coached special teams during his five year tenure with the Fighting Irish. Under his instruction, the Irish wide receivers set single season records in 1999 for pass receptions and total receiving

yards. Meyer played defensive back at the University of Cincinnati, earning his bachelor degree in psychology in 1986. Also an exceptional baseball player, he went on to play two years in the Atlanta Braves organization.

Meyer spent two seasons at Ohio State as a graduate assistant (1986-87), during which Krebs served as OSU's Assistant Athletic Director. Meyer had another two-year stint with Illinois State before spending six seasons with Colorado State.

As a receiver coach at CSU, Meyer helped the Rams to three bowl appearances including two Holiday Bowls in 1994 and '95. The Rams finished the '94 season ranked 16th in the Associated

Press polls. Meyer changed positions in 1996, heading to Notre Dame as receivers coach.

Norvell is in his third season with Indianapolis as wide receiver coach for the Colts. He has instructed NFL talents like Marvin Harrison and Terrence Wilkins.

At age 37, Norvell has been coaching at the collegiate and professional level for 12 years. He began his coaching career at Northern Iowa coaching receivers in 1988. The next season he joined Barry Alvarez's staff at Wisconsin. With the Badgers, he coached wide receivers and special teams for five seasons. He also served two seasons as quarterback and receivers coach at Iowa State (1995-97).

## Day grows into Falcon star



Mike Lehmkühle BG News

**Light of Day:** While Greg Day plays stingy defense here, he has dazzled opponents with his offensive prowess this season. The junior center's nine goals and 12 points leads the Falcons this season.

By Dan Nield  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Where do you start stories like this?

When there are so many roads to travel down, and so many aspects to explore, how do you begin?

Do you talk about Greg Day's incredible knack for finding the net? If so, then what do you write about later?

Do you detail his life growing up outside of Windsor, Ontario? Maybe, but that wouldn't be too interesting.

Do you recount the adversity he fought through on his way to the top? Bingo.



FILE PHOTO

**BOARDING:** Greg Day battles an Ohio State player along the boards in a 1999 game.

Day almost quit hockey when he was 17. It's not that he didn't love the game. In fact, his love was the only thing that kept him in. It's just that nature wasn't letting him bloom as a hockey player.

"My draft year I was 5-foot-2-inches, 135 lbs.," the now 5-11, 185 lb. junior center said. "I thought I'd never grow. I thought about calling it quits a few times, but I could never have really quit."

When his growth spurt finally came, "I was really relieved," he said.

Yes, it's true. When Bowling Green's purest offensive talent was a 17-year old Junior C player, he was barely able to ride a roller-coaster.

Now, Day can ride anywhere he wants.

Scoring has been the business for Day, now 23. His scoring touch got him to Bowling Green, and his playmaking abilities should take him farther after he leaves Northwest Ohio.

There is no doubt that he has been BG's offensive leader this season. His hat trick in the second game of the opening CCHA series against Michigan nearly willed the team to a come from behind victory.

Since getting his first points in that game, Day has a point in eight of BG's last nine games, including a current six-game point streak. He leads the Falcons with 12 points on nine goals and three assists.

Even when he was just mini-Greg, Day was still racking up points in abundance. In his NHL draft year of 1994 he racked up eight points (two goals and six assists) in one game.

In 1997-98, the season before he came to BG, Day racked up 92 points (40 goals and 52 assists) in only 36 games for the Junior B Chatham Maroons. That's nothing compared to the 62 goals and 77 assists he recorded in 52 games with the Tecumseh Bulldogs in 1996-97.

It's Day's offensive thunder that has thrust him into the role of a leader. While soft spoken and polite in the lockerroom and everyday life, Day's on ice example leaves little to be desired.

"I try to set the example on the ice," said Day, who along with defenseman Louis Mass and forward Curtiss Valentine was named assistant captain at the beginning of the season. "But I'm a pretty quiet guy; I don't yell much. But if I work hard on the ice then other players will follow my lead."

This season, Day has lined up between Valentine and Ryan Fultz. Not surprisingly, the trio is 1-2-3 on the Falcon scoring list. Fultz has 10 points on four goals and six assists and Valentine's seven assists lead the team. He has nine points on the year.

"Those guys have really helped me out this season," Day said. "We have good chemistry on the ice."

That combination of leadership and offensive talent could

### Greg Day File

**Height:** 6-0  
**Weight:** 185 lb.  
**2000-01 Stats:** 9 goals, 3 Assists, 12 Points.  
**Quote:** "I guess I'm a playmaker, although I still need to work on my speed"

lead Day to the hallowed ground of hockey players: The NHL. But, for now, he'll just concentrate on BG and let his future take care of itself.

"I'll go as far as I can in hockey," he said. "But I'm also concentrating on academics."

Indeed, Day has already started trying to make connections in his major, planning development. He's gone on a few field trips this semester to try and find a job after graduation in May of 2002.

As for his goals in planning development?

"I'd like to plan my own city," Day says plainly. "But I'm not really sure how to do that quite yet."

At 17 he also wasn't sure how he could play college hockey at only 5-2. But, with a little luck and nature, he figured out how.

So, when you think of the story of Falcon sniper Greg Day, start with the adversity. Think about a 17-year-old boy with hoards of hockey talent harnessed by a frame that combined a gnome and a midget.

And then, think about the happy ending.

## Falcons make trek to Eastern

By Erica Gambaccini  
STAFF WRITER

Coming off Thanksgiving break the swimming and diving team is all rested up for their second trip to Eastern Michigan. The Falcons will travel to Ypsilanti Friday for the EMU Invitational.

Kalamazoo and Allegheny are two other teams that will be at the meet, along with divers from the University of Michigan.

Kalamazoo is a top 10 division II team that will give the Falcons a challenge and Allegheny is strong in the breaststroke.

The Invitational will consist of three sessions: One Friday and two Saturday.

"The sessions go very, very fast," said Randy Julian, the men's and women's head coach, said. "We need to stay focused and maintain our intensity throughout the weekend."

Julian is very optimistic about the Invitational and thinks that both teams will do very well.

"I think we are going to do outstanding," he said. "We hope to bring back some wonderful results."

The Brown and Orange have been training hard lately. They are getting more sleep and have more energy, Julian said.

Eastern was MAC Champion last year and BG swam against them a few weeks ago.

"I think we know Eastern a lot better," Julian said. "We are doing better than last season and, by swimming fast we can get better results. We need to surprise them."

The Eagles might have won the last time the two teams met, but the Falcons are excited and ready to face them again.

"Eastern has done well in the past," sophomore Kelley O'Hara said. "It's going to be a tough meet, but everyone has been working hard as a team. We should do good."

Despite the brute strength of Eastern, the Falcons have been training really hard with a new assistant coach and a stronger weight training program.

"We've been working a lot harder this year," O'Hara said. "Our medley relays look really good along with our freestyle and backstroke."

The Falcons are hoping to get a lot of season best times this weekend, Julian said. He mentioned that intensity and confidence are the two areas the team needs to stay strong and maintain.

"We need to go in and not be



## Tiger and Tour fine

By Ken Peters  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Tiger Woods seems well on his way to making peace with PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem, with the two holding what both described as a very positive meeting.

Woods, who recently expressed concern about controlling some of his own marketing rights, said Wednesday that "pretty much everything" had been resolved during a meeting with Finchem two days earlier.

"It was very positive, very upbeat. There was no hostility at all," Woods said. "My relationship with Tim has definitely improved. He was very candid and so was I."

"We need a few more sit-down meetings to hammer things out. One of the problems has been that it is hard to get our schedules clear. He's as busy as I am."

Woods described the talks as "compromises on both sides," but was not specific since details still are to be worked out.

The No. 1 player in the world and largely responsible for an enormous boost in golf's popularity, Woods stunned PGA Tour officials earlier this month when he said the tour was taking financial advantage of him with policies that controlled his rights.

He said then that Finchem only talked to him when the commissioner wanted Woods to play in a particular tournament.

When they met for several hours Monday in Los Angeles, they discussed player marketing rights, commercial use of player images and the Internet.

Woods thought simply the fact that they sat and talked was important.

"We needed to communicate a little bit more. Not, 'My people will talk to your people,' but face-to-face," he said.

Woods believes some of the negative public reaction to his earlier comments came because people thought he was asking for a cut of the tour's TV money, which isn't the case.



EVERYTHING IS COOL: Tiger Woods signs autograph after a PGA Event. Tiger says he is not longer upset with the tour. Woods said everything has been resolved between the two.

## Bengals 2001 QB not certain

By Joe Kay  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Quarterback Akili Smith isn't assured of getting his starting job back this season — or next year, either.

Cincinnati Bengals general manager Mike Brown said Wednesday that there will be an open competition for the job in training camp, a significant reversal from this year's plan.

Smith, the third overall pick in last year's draft, could wind up competing for the job with Scott Mitchell, whose one-year contract is up after this season.

"I think it's clear that there's going to be a competition here next year at that spot," Brown told reporters as he watched Mitchell and Smith share snaps in practice Wednesday. "We're not going to

put all our chips on one guy. We'll have more than one here at that position."

Mitchell was elevated to starter two weeks ago and is expected to play Sunday against the Arizona Cardinals if his sprained left knee allows.

The Bengals are looking at Mitchell as a contender for the job next year. Mitchell, a 12-year veteran who lost starting jobs with Detroit and Baltimore in the last two years, would like to stay in Cincinnati.

"I'm just worried about getting through the rest of the year," Mitchell said, walking off the practice field in a sweat-soaked gray shirt. "We'll take next year when it gets here."

"It's nice to know that they like me and they feel comfortable

with me. But I've got to focus on just taking care of right now."

Smith's future is becoming more cloudy by the day.

After failing to move the offense consistently through the first 10 games, he was benched in favor of Mitchell, who completed passes but also sprained his right knee during a 16-13 loss in New England on Nov. 19.

Mitchell's performance earned him the chance to start again if his knee permitted. Coach Dick LeBeau waited until a couple of hours before a 48-28 loss to Pittsburgh last Sunday before deciding that Mitchell couldn't move well enough to play.

Smith started and went 10-for-20 for 129 yards with a touchdown and one lost fumble.

LeBeau has decided to split plays in practice this week between Smith and Mitchell, but is leaning toward starting Mitchell if he's healthy.

In his first practice since spraining his knee, Mitchell moved around fairly well and threw the ball on target for the most part.

"There were some throws that I had a little trouble with, some of the deeper timing routes," Mitchell said. "But it wasn't too bad, actually."

Brown wants to see how Mitchell does the rest of the season. Mitchell completed 20-of-38

for 236 yards against the Patriots and had the Bengals' first touchdown pass in 28 quarters.

"I felt good about how he played against New England," Brown said. "He played well enough for us to win that game. If he can go out there and suddenly give us 200-plus yards per game throwing the ball and we keep on running the ball like we're running it, we're a competitive football team just that quick."

Smith hasn't talked to the media since his benching for the New England game. After practice Wednesday, he went up to reporters and told them he would grant an interview, then smiled and said, "Psych," and walked away.

Mitchell is the Bengals' eighth quarterback in the last four years. When Brown turned down New Orleans' draft-day deal in order to take Smith, he thought he finally had fixed the problem.

Now, he's not so sure. "We have not gotten the quarterback thing up and running," Brown said. "It's gone on and on. We've had moments. When Jeff Blake was there, there were times when it looked pretty close. But we never quite got up to the point where the quarterback was carrying the team, which is what you want."

## Wynn could take helm

By Tom Withers  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEREA, Ohio — Spergon Wynn, front and under center.

Wynn, who began the season as an anonymous rookie quarterback from Southwest Texas State fighting to make Cleveland's roster, could make his first NFL start this Sunday when the Browns visit the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Cleveland coach Chris Palmer wouldn't divulge Wednesday if he would start Wynn or if he would stick with Doug Pederson, who is nursing bruised ribs.

"I'd like to reserve that until later on in the week," Palmer said Wednesday.

Jacksonville has a very complicated defense and something that creates problems for the quarterback whether you're Doug Pederson or Spergon Wynn and you have to be able to go in there and figure it out," the coach said.

Palmer's choice may be made easy if Pederson's ribs don't heal quickly.

Despite wearing a flak jacket, Pederson was injured when he got drilled by Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis during Sunday's 44-7 loss at Baltimore. Pederson was kept out of throwing drills during practice on Wednesday and could be limited the rest of the week.

"Everybody plays with pain, and the quarterback is no different," Pederson said.

However, even if Pederson is healthy enough to play, Palmer may have other plans.

Earlier this week, Palmer said he would use the final three games this season to evaluate many of his young and seldom-used players to determine their futures with the Browns.

One of those players is Wynn, a sixth-round pick.

Wynn, who began the year battling to be the Browns' No. 3 QB behind Tim Couch and Ty Detmer, has played in six games this season. He was a sacrificial lamb at Baltimore when he was thrown to the Ravens, who continued to blitz even when they led by 30 points late in the fourth quarter.

And if Wynn doesn't get his first start this week, Palmer said he wants to give him one before the season ends.

"I think I would like to see that at some point," Palmer said. "The long-range plan was to get him a lot of work in the preseason next year. He got a half last week, and I think that was excellent for him. He can grow from that experience, and he'll get more playing time as we go through the next three weeks."

That could begin with the first play on Sunday against the Jaguars.

Wynn has been thrown into some difficult situations this season, but none as challenging as last weekend in Baltimore against the NFL's top-ranked defense.

Backed up to his goal line in the fourth quarter and behind an offensive line which included

## Swimming preps

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afraid to be successful," he said. "We need some success on the clock and we need to be solid in every event."

Freshman Ryan Golden is all rested up for the meet and ready to swim his best.

"I'm hoping to get my best times ever," he said. "The mile is my best event. I just need to work on my turns."

"The distance swimmers should get some really good times," Julian said. "We should have some season best times along with some lifetime best times."

Julian mentioned a few swimmers who he thinks will perform well this weekend.

On the men's side junior Steve Chaney, sophomore Ray Bartel

and junior Mike Griffin are looking strong and on the women's side freshman Jessie Humes, junior Alissa Davies and sophomore Katy Monnette should do quite well.

The men and women divers have also been looking good.

"The freshmen have been diving really well," Golden said. "Our only senior diver (Kris Waechter) has been doing his best dives ever."

O'Hara said that the freshmen have been looking good in practice and that they are coming on strong.

"Our 50 freestyle, medley relay, 200 freestyle relay and 400 freestyle relay are our strong points," Golden said. "The meet should be a good experience. We hope to have some good races."

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**MR. FOOTBALL:** Ohio's Mr. Football gets the call on this play as Upper Arlington's Jeff Backes barrels forward. Backes was named the 2000 recipient of the award, which goes to the best high school football player in the state.

Associated Press

# Upper Arlington back takes Mr. Football

By Rusty Miller  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — For going where no Ohio high school football player has ever gone before, Upper Arlington's Jeff Backes is the 2000 Associated Press Mr. Football in the state.

Backes, a 5-foot-10, 180-pound senior, has rushed for more yards in one season than anyone who has ever picked up a football in the state. Heading into Saturday's Division I state championship game against Solon, Backes has gained 3,170 yards.

That's more than Robert Smith, Curtis Enis or Derek Combs — all former Mr. Football award-winners — and far more than other legendary Ohio running backs such as Bob Ferguson, Archie Griffin, Vic Janowicz, Larry

Csonka, Howard "Hopalong" Cassidy and Carlos Snow.

All of which leaves Backes thrown for a rare loss.

"I'm honored to be on a list with any of those guys who went on to play in the NFL or at major-college programs," Backes said. "I've looked up to players like that and admired them since I was a little kid. It's all a little overwhelming."

He isn't easily overwhelmed, either.

"He is one of the most spectacular competitors I've ever been around," Upper Arlington head coach Darrell Mayne said. "He has a fire burning in his soul. He absolutely cannot be intimidated — and he's not a big kid. That's amazing."

Backes doesn't look at the sea-

son as a masterpiece, but a work in progress with some noticeable (to him, at least) imperfections.

"Part of it hasn't sunk in yet," Backes said. "But when I break it down game by game, I see things that I could have done better."

The son of a doctor, the younger brother of a Harvard senior and the big brother to a sophomore sister, Backes has a grade-point average "a little over a 4.0," he says. Planning to be a premed major, he has narrowed his college choice to Duke, Northwestern, Ohio State and Virginia.

He said he'll make his decision a few weeks after the Golden Bears' season ends. Right now, he wants to savor the final moments of his high school days.

## B-ball goes nuts in 2000-01

SIDELINE SQUAD FROM PAGE 9

After investigating the incident with Pardon, the NCAA holds a press conference to explain that Brandon Pardon's quickness is due to the incredible amount of heart that he possesses. That Monday, ESPN devotes a whole segment of "Plays of the Week" to Pardon.

Realizing that BG beat his Akron Zips team twice last year, Coach Dan Hipsher decides that he needs a ringer to win on Jan. 17 in Akron. Five minutes before game time, Michael Jordan uses his final year of eligibility and is announced as the Zips starting shooting guard. After Jordan scores the first six point of the ball game, Coach Dakich disappears into the locker room. After the Zips mishandle a pass that goes out of bounds the substitutions horn sounds and Dakich steps on the floor, in his 1979 orange

Converse Chuck Taylor All-Stars. Dakich scores 38 points and Jordan doesn't get another shot off. He only touches the ball three more times the rest of the game.

Jan. 20th BG gets a chance for revenge on Ball State for knocking them out of the MAC tournament. Trent Jackson decides to take the game into his own hands. Early in the second half, when Jackson leaps from the foul line on a fast break to dunk the ball, he shatters the backboard, resulting in a one hour delay.

Facing preseason favorite Marshall on Feb. 14, the "House that Roars" is sold out and ready to erupt. Despite a very close game, the difference is made late in the second half when star players J.R. VanHoose and Tamar Slay were unable to concentrate on the game realizing that their girlfriends, who are also their sisters, made it all the way from West Virginia to surprise them after the

game.

At the final regular season home game of the year against Miami, it comes down to the final minute. The Falcons are up by one point with two seconds left and it's the Redhawks ball. Reeking of liquor, Miami coach Charlie Coles designs an infallible play, involving the BG heartbreaker, Jason Grunkenmeyer, that he thinks will seal the deal for his team. It must have been the booze talking, because Coles drew up the play for the wrong end of the floor. Miami executes the play to perfection. BG wins by four.

Now we can tell you if BG wins the MAC tourney and advances to the big dance in march, but we won't. What we will tell you though, is that those cute Sideline Squad guys all end up with beautiful BG cheerleaders by their side at seasons end.

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Ben Scharf BG News

# IN THE MIND OF A... MALL SANTA

Special of a weekly feature

By Ben Scharf  
CHIEF REPORTER

The meaning of Christmas is different for everyone, but one thing that unites children of all ages is Santa Clause.

Children look forward to sitting on Saint Nick's lap and telling him their Christmas wishes. They dream about it for weeks and are giddy with anticipation as they wait in line.

Santa has a huge responsibility to the children, he has a lot of expectations and attitudes to live up to. This season, Woodland Mall's Santa will see hundreds of children each day and he doesn't want to let them down.

For five years Floyd Matheny has volunteered his time to spread good cheer as Father Christmas, and the

children's excitement keeps Matheny enthusiastic and happy in his role.

"It's amazing. Their excitement goes beyond description," Matheny feeds off of the children's glee. He said it keeps him going strong and keeps the children satisfied.

"Attitude and desire have never been a problem for me," he said. "The true meaning of Christmas will never be diminished and I like to take advantage of that and try to do some good with it. You want it to be the best time of the year for the little ones."

This year, Matheny and his wife Pat have built a new home for Santa. In years past, Santa's home was a gazebo in the mall, but now he has his own storefront converted into a winter wonderland.

Matheny doesn't get paid for his services, and most of the decorations in Santa's House were acquired by him and his wife.

"We agreed to do that because we wanted to have something nice for the kids," he said. In the past, Matheny felt that the gazebo setup didn't have enough room for the crowds. Matheny hopes children will be more comfortable and won't feel so confined this year.

Matheny retired from General Motors eight years ago, after working there 30 years. After retiring, he learned that his heart was damaged from a viral infection. His doctor gave him a 3 percent chance to live another six months.

The news was a huge shock, and it took Matheny some time to come to

terms with his illness. He had trouble falling asleep, afraid that he might not wake up.

"After some time I realized that the nurse that was just here has no better guarantee of seeing tomorrow than I do. We're all just one heartbeat away from eternity," Matheny said.

Matheny stopped worrying about tomorrow, "it'll take care of itself," he said.

Prescriptions, a pacemaker and a defibrillator helped Matheny beat the odds for eight years, and in July he got a call from his nurse saying there was a heart waiting for him at Medical College of Ohio.

Matheny "couldn't even say anything."

That day he drove to Toledo and received a heart transplant.

Rehabilitation has helped him to become healthier than ever and ready for the children. Matheny sees his health as a blessing, and working with children is his way of giving back to the community.

"Children are a challenge enough, but this is one time of year to communicate with them. Many kids don't get very nice, pleasant conversations and just listening to them fills a void of some kind," Matheny said.

He thinks the Christmas season is a good time for people to concentrate on the important things in life.

"There's a lot of priorities out there, but they should never replace the family," Matheny said. "Christmas is



# Holiday loses meaning

By Becky Biggs  
STAFF WRITER

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas earlier every year.

From television programs full of toy commercials to Santa Claus promoting cell phones in the middle of the mall, large companies barely wait for Halloween to be over before they begin advertising for holiday shopping.

The day after Halloween this year, MSNBC and Motorola aired their holiday commercials, and every day since has seen an increase.

Traditionally, the Christmas season began on the first Sunday of Advent.

Now, the day after Thanksgiving has become one of the largest shopping days of the year. Corporations mark that Friday as a day to begin holiday advertising.

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has become a promotional activity and is used to kick off the holiday shopping season.



Associated Press Photo

**ALL WRAPPED UP:** Children dressed as gifts march in downtown Seattle Friday during the Bon Marche Holiday Parade. The event helped kick-off the holiday shopping season as thousands crowded the area to watch and to shop. Many people feel shopping has become the center of the holiday.

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## Kwanzaa celebrates culture

By Shannon Kolkedy  
STAFF WRITER

As many students and their families are decorating Christmas trees, hanging lights and baking cookies, many forget about other holidays being celebrated during the season.

One such holiday is Kwanzaa. The BGSU Center of Multicultural and Academic Initiatives will sponsor a Kwanzaa celebration in order to remind students of this holiday.

Kwanzaa, a Swahili term meaning "first fruits of harvest," was established by Dr. Mualana Karenga in 1966. The holiday is traditionally celebrated from Dec. 26 until Jan. 1.

Kwanzaa is a family celebration that allows people a chance to give thanks for good fortune throughout the year. In addition to a time of thanksgiving, Kwanzaa offers a time to reflect upon African culture and heritage.

According to Sheila Brown, asst. director of the Center for

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## Companies get head start on holiday ads

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Many businesses in Bowling Green seem to be waiting for after Thanksgiving to begin mass commercialism. According to Thana Al-Jiboury, an employee at In Good Taste, a candy shop in the Woodland Mall, most of their promoting begins after Thanksgiving.

At Finders Records, employee Jessica De Leon said the store has put out Christmas albums, but no major decorations have gone up yet.

Both De Leon and Al-Jiboury agree that customers, so far, have not really reacted in any definite way to the early decorations and holiday products.

But for many students, businesses have gone too far in their early promotions this year. Many urge their fellow students to withhold from shopping the day after Thanksgiving to protest sweatshops and capitalism. Others believe that the true meaning of Christmas is being ignored.

"People put too much emphasis on buying gifts," said Florinda Hernandez, a freshman criminal justice major, when asked what she thought about this year's early Christmas promotions.

Nicole Gomez, a freshman early childhood education major, agreed. "The true meaning of Christmas is taken away by a Hallmark Santa Clause."

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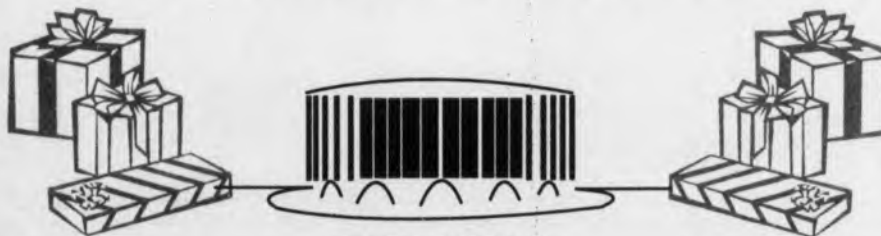
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# African-Americans celebrate holiday with family

HERITAGE, FROM PAGE 4

Multicultural & Academic Initiatives, "It is a time to give thanks for the harvest since many African nations are still agriculturally based...but has since been translated to 'thanks for the good fortune.'"

In spite of the relative newness of the holiday, the tradition of Kwanzaa appears to be catching on quickly. According to Brown, the holiday has seen a large expansion in the last 15 years, and a few million people now celebrate Kwanzaa.

The celebration of Kwanzaa revolves around seven basic principles called the Nguzo Saba, placing particular emphasis on the unity of African American families. These principles include unity (Umoja), self-determination (Kujichagulia), collective work and responsibility (Ujima), cooperative economics (Ujamaa), purpose (Nia), creativity



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**DAYS OF KWANZAA:** Kwanzaa celebrations begin Dec. 26. African Americans honor their cultural heritage during the weeklong observance.

(Kuumba), and faith (Imani).

"It is a family type of celebration," said Brown. "More often than not, a family will decide that they want to

celebrate and then each member of the family is given a principle and they are to present that particular principle on their particular day.

They tell what that principle means and describe how they have acted out that principle over the year."

Unlike many of the holidays celebrated during the season, Kwanzaa has no religious ties. In fact, Brown said that the placement of the holiday has to do with the principle of cooperative economics. Because the season is famous for its after Christmas sales, Karenga started Kwanzaa the day after Christmas to allow families to take advantage of the lower costs.

Brown said, "We have a lot of students here, African-American and otherwise, who have heard of it but have never really taken the time really learn what it's all about."

The Center of Multicultural and Academic Initiatives will hold its fourth annual Kwanzaa celebration on Dec. 8 in Perry Field House at 6 p.m. This event will combine the seven-day celebration of Kwanzaa

into one big celebration.

Brown, who is the event coordinator said, "We are going to educate the BGSU community and entertain them."

The Center hopes that this event will allow students, faculty and community members the chance to learn more about this unique holiday. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$8 for non-students and \$2 for children and can be purchased at the Center for Multicultural & Academic Initiatives in 224 Saddlemire Student Services Building.

Ticket prices include a soul food buffet and entertainment. Some of the entertainment will include a performance by the Africana Dance Troupe and a play by Andre Milkins entitled "It Takes a Whole Village." "This play which is based on an African Proverb will include interaction from students, faculty, and staff as well.

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**HALTING THE CASH FLOW:** Cashier Sarah Nudo, right, hands merchandise to Diane Stinespring, center, with her friend Linda Blackwell, left, as they check out of a store in Canton, Ohio. Although sales for retailers grew on the day after Thanksgiving, the growth in holiday spending is likely to go down.

## Growth in holiday spending too slow

By David Ho  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Many consumers are scaling back their holiday spending plans in part because of concerns about paying off credit card debt, a survey finds.

While more than half of Americans plan to spend the same amount as last year, 24 percent said they will spend less and 18 percent plan to spend more, according to the survey, released Monday by the Consumer Federation of America and the Credit Union National Association, a trade group for credit unions.

The small difference between those who plan to spend less or more is enough to support predictions that growth in consumer spending will slow, said Bill Hampel, chief economist with CUNA. Those forecasts predict about a 3 percent to 4 percent sales increase at stores this holiday shopping season, compared with 7 percent last year.

"This provides further credence

to the fact that the economy is likely to slow down and the consumer, who has been driving the economy for so long, may be about to pull back," Hampel said in an interview.

The stock market's volatility and rising fuel prices have added to consumer caution about spending on nonessentials. Earlier this month, the Conference Board, a New York-based business research group, reported that the consumer confidence index fell during October.

Seeking to understand the decrease in planned spending, the new survey found that about one-third of Americans who plan to use credit cards for some of their holiday purchases are concerned about being able to pay off their balances.

More broadly, nearly half of consumers are worried about meeting all monthly debt payments, excluding mortgages. Those most concerned were blacks (72 percent),

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## Mixture of new, traditional music does not 'lift spirits'

By Lisa Bettinger  
NOW WRITER

Christina Aguilera  
My Kind of Christmas  
RCA Records 2000

Another year, another holiday album. By now recording a holiday album is a rite of passage for teen pop. New Kids on the Block did one, so did N\*SYNC and 98 Degrees.

New the Grammy-winning Christina Aguilera enters the holiday music scene with her latest compilation: 'My Kind of Christmas.'

The CD, like most contemporary holiday CDs, is a mix of classic songs and new songs. There is no doubt that Aguilera has the voice, but some of the songs that she considers holiday fare are rather questionable.

The track "This Year" sounds like something omitted from her first album. About the only thing that justifies this as being a Christmas song is the fact that she keeps repeating

the holiday in the chorus.

In fact, she names off every holiday in this song, which is mainly about her going after her man. Lyrics in this song include, "The shimmy in my hips, oh when I bump and grind/You'll be my Santa boy, all dressed in red/And ride that little reindeer all through my head."

Let me tell you, there is nothing that reminds me of the holidays more than some good ol' fashion bumping and grinding.

When Aguilera sticks to traditional songs she shines. Her version of "The Christmas Song," which most people remember from the chestnuts roasting on the open fire line, is really good.

But do we really need a dance version of the same song at the end of the CD? For one, it sounds terrible. Second, it's not really all that necessary.

Another interesting tidbit here is "Xtina's Xmas," which is nothing

more than some of Aguilera's vocal sounds looped over and over again. What this has to do with the holidays, I don't know. It sounds more like a gift to her male fans.

Now, she does redeem herself. She performs a duet with Dr. John on "Merry Christmas, Baby" and "Angels We Have Heard on High." Along with those she does an OK version of "This Christmas," but it lacks some spirit.

While she has her moments, this is hardly the album that fits the bill for lifting holiday spirits. Overall the entire production seems rushed.

If you saw her episode of MTV's Diary, you already know that she recorded some of this while on the road, which may be the cause for the rushed sound.

Had a little more time and effort been put in, it would not have been so bad. It also would have been better if she had stuck to the classics and avoided the new songs. Grade: D

## Holiday songs to look forward to

By Lisa Bettinger  
NOW WRITER

It's the holidays once again. When you work in retail, like I do, you will hear holiday songs for hours and hours on end. Some can be absolutely mind-numbing. Then there are others that you just can't wait to hear again. These are just some of the songs that fall into that category.

"Little Drummer Boy" by David Bowie and Bing Crosby. This was captured on tape for Crosby's "Merrie Olde Christmas" special. Most of Bing's fans probably had no idea who Bowie was. It was an odd marriage but it shows exactly what the holidays are all about, bringing people together. Sadly this would be one of Crosby's last performances. He died one month later.

"Happy Xmas (War is Over)" by John Lennon and Yoko Ono. Talking about this song is a tad bitersweet. John would have been 60 years old this year, but he was killed 20 years ago this month. It's a song with a message. To some people this is not really a Christmas song. Seeing that it only gets airtime at the holiday season, that has to say something about how some people have embraced the song.

"The Chanukah Song" by Adam Sandler. Now the holiday season is not all about Christmas. This is by far the funniest song to listen to. Perhaps it is Sandler's funny delivery or the absolutely absurd lyrics. Even better is the fact that you can find this long after the holidays. All you have to do is pick up his 1996 CD, What the Hell Happened to Me.

"White Christmas" by Bing Crosby. This is by far the mother of Christmas songs. Most people heard it for the first time in the 1942 film "Holiday Inn." This song has been covered hundreds of times but nothing stacks up to this version. There is Crosby's mellow, almost heartwarming voice along with the beautiful melody. This is classic.

"The Chipmunk Song

(Christmas Don't be Late)." Almost everyone remembers those squeaky high pitched voices. Sadly this song gets very little airplay on the radio and on Muzak systems in stores. Trust me, I have heard almost everything Muzak has to offer. This song can be found on a wide variety of Chipmunk CDs including Greatest Hits: Still Squeaky After All These Years and The Chipmunks Greatest Christmas Hits.

"Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer" by Elmo and Patsy. It's one thing to be a one hit wonder, but to be a holiday one hit wonder is another. This 1984 comedic gem comes from the album of the same name. No matter how much time has passed, it's still funny. To paraphrase Carson Daly from last Christmas, you can see MTV blowing the dust off of this one then putting it away again for next year.

"The 12 Days of Christmas." There really is no definitive version of this song out there, but it does pose its own questions. Why are those lords leaping? Where exactly do you put all of that stuff your loved one gave to you? This song has also lent itself to some great spoofs like "The 12 Things at Christmas That Are Such A Pain to Me."

"The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)." This song has been done by hundreds of artists in hundreds of genres. Just type the title into the search at amazon.com to see what I mean. Perhaps the best known is Nat "King" Cole's version. It's a simple song with not too many words and it paints some great imagery.

"Have a Holly Jolly Christmas" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" by Burl Ives. Burl Ives is so cool he gets the last two spots on this list. The man almost looks like Santa Clause. Most of us know Ives as the snowman narrator in the 1964 animated "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" TV special. "Have a Holly Jolly Christmas" was named one the best feel good songs of all time by VH1's The List.



# Food on the BRAIN



## A new spin on holiday favorites

Going home for the holidays can be sacred to a college student.

Sleeping in your own bed and hooking up with old friends are good reasons to go home, but nothing beats homecooked food.

But, does it seem that the family recycles the same old recipes?

Here are some new twists on traditional recipes and new additions to the holiday menu.

### TOFU TURKEY

#### Ingredients:

- 5 lbs. extra firm tofu, crumbled
- 1/2 cup and 2 tbsp. sesame oil
- 1 red onion, finely diced
- 1 1/3 cup chopped mushrooms
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/8 cup dried sage
- 2 tsp. dried thyme
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup tamari
- 3 cups prepared herb stuffing
- 1/2 cup sesame oil
- 2 tbsp. miso paste
- 5 tbsp. orange juice
- 1 tsp. honey mustard
- 1/2 tsp. orange zest
- 3 sprigs fresh rosemary

#### Directions:

Line a medium sized, round colander with cheese cloth or a clean dish towel. Place the crumbled tofu in the colander. Place another cheese cloth over the top of the tofu. Place the colander over the top of a bowl to catch the liquid. Place a heavy weight on top of the tofu. Refrigerate the colander, tofu and weight for two to three hours.

Make the stuffing: In a large frying pan saute onion, celery and mushrooms in two tablespoons of the sesame oil until tender. Add the garlic, sage, thyme, salt and pepper, rosemary and 1/4 cup of the tamari. Stir well; cook for five minutes. Add prepared herb stuffing and mix well. Remove from heat.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease a cookie sheet.

Combine 1/2 cup sesame oil, 1/4 cup tamari, miso, orange juice, mustard and orange zest in a small bowl; mix well.

Remove the weight from the tofu. Hollow out the tofu so that there is one inch of tofu still lining the colander. Place the scooped out tofu in a separate bowl. Brush the tofu lining with a small amount of the miso seasoning. Scoop the stuffing into the center of the tofu shell. Place the leftover tofu on top of the stuffing and press down firmly. Turn the stuffed tofu onto the prepared cookie sheet. Putting the leftover tofu flat side down. Gently press on the sides of the "turkey" to form a more oval shape. Brush the tofu turkey with 1/2 of the oil-tamari mixture. Place the sprigs of rosemary on top of the tofu. Cover the "turkey" with foil.

Bake for one hour. After one hour, remove the "turkey" from the oven and remove the foil. Baste the "turkey" with the remaining oil-tamari sauce (reserving four tablespoons of the sauce). Return "turkey" to the oven and bake another hour or until the tofu turkey is golden brown.

Place the tofu turkey on a platter, brush with the remaining oil-tamari sauce and serve hot.

### SPINACH STUFFING

#### Ingredients:

- 1/2 tbsp. butter, melted
- 2 (14 oz.) cans of spinach
- 1 tbsp. poultry seasoning
- 1 (12 oz.) package unseasoned dry bread stuffing mix

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

In a large bowl, mix together butter, spinach, poultry seasoning and stuffing mix. Transfer mixture to a 9x13 inch casserole dish.

Cover dish and bake in preheated oven for one hour.

### APPLE PECAN CORN BREAD DRESSING

#### Ingredients:

- 1 (16 oz.) package dry corn bread mix
- 1 (8 oz.) container herb-seasoned dry bread stuffing mix
- 2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground ginger
- 3/4 cup butter
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 cups apple juice
- 2 cups chopped apples
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

#### Directions:

Prepare the corn bread according to package directions; cool and

crumble.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Butter one three quart casserole dish.

In a large bowl, combine the corn bread, stuffing mix, parsley, salt and ginger.

In a heavy saucepan, melt the butter and saute the celery and onion for eight to ten minutes or until tender. Add this to the corn bread mixture and mix well. Stir in the chopped apple, chopped pecans, apple juice and beaten eggs. Toss lightly. Spoon dressing into the prepared casserole dish.

Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 30 to 35 minutes.

### GARDEN STUFFED BAKED POTATOES

#### Ingredients:

- 4 large potatoes
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 (10 oz.) package chopped broccoli, thawed
- 1/2 cup ranch style salad dressing
- 1 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 2 tsp. dried parsley
- salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit. Pierce the skin of the potatoes with a fork.

Microwave pierced potatoes on HIGH for 12 minutes. Place partially baked potatoes in the preheated oven and bake for 15 minutes. Slice off the potato tops, scoop out the bulk of the interior of the potato

being careful to leave the potato skins intact. In a medium bowl, mash the removed potato interior.

Heat a small skillet over medium heat, stir in butter. Saute onions in the skillet until tender.

Combine onions, broccoli and ranch dressing with the mashed potato. Brush the outside of the potato skins with oil. Spoon potato mixture into the skins. Arrange stuffed potato on cookie sheet.

Bake potatoes for 15 minutes or until heated thoroughly. Season with salt, pepper and parsley.

### EGGNOG BREAD

#### Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup dairy eggnog
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 2 tsp. rum extract
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 1/4 cup flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

Grease bottom of bread pan.

Beat eggs and add sugar, eggnog, butter, rum, and vanilla.

Blend well, adding flour, baking powder and nutmeg. Stir until moistened. Pour into greased pan.

Bake for 45 to 50 minutes or until toothpick comes clean.

Cool for 10 minutes. Remove from pan. Cool bread completely before slicing.



## Residence halls light up for holidays

By Craig Gifford  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Dorm rooms are typically full of beds, personal belongings and desks. However, at this time of year, holiday decorations may be seen, as well.

Many students at the University have already begun to decorate their rooms for the holiday season which has arrived. From garland to Christmas trees, just about anything can be found within the dorms to remind us of the holiday spirit.

"You see the decorations and it reminds you of the season," said Megan Miller, freshman education major.

Miller has adorned her room with icicle lights on the windows, Santa lights on the bed and garland and decoration of santa on her door.

Sara Kolzowski, freshman early childhood education major, has graced her room with a Christmas tree.

"It reminds me of when I was a little kid," she said.

A tree is also found in the room of Kelly Martin, freshman international business major.

"It reminds me that I still need to buy Christmas presents," she said. "I think it was just fun to have our own tree."

No matter what the reason for the students decorating their rooms for the holiday season, they each are in agreement that it reminds them of home, where they long to be for the

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**PLAY TIME:** Hot holiday toys, clockwise from left to right, "Tekno" the robotic puppy, "Amazing Babies," "Let's Pretend Elmo," "Diva Starz" and "Poo-Chi" the interactive puppy.

## Techno toys hot for kids

By Anne Moss  
STAFF WRITER

Area toy stores were swarmed with shoppers looking for this year's hottest toys on Friday. The day after Thanksgiving has commonly been called the busiest shopping day of the year.

Among some of the popular items this Christmas are the Poochee, an electronic dog, that can be found at Wal-Mart.

This toy is appealing to kids of all ages because of its lifelike feature. The dog is remote controlled and programmed to react to human contact.

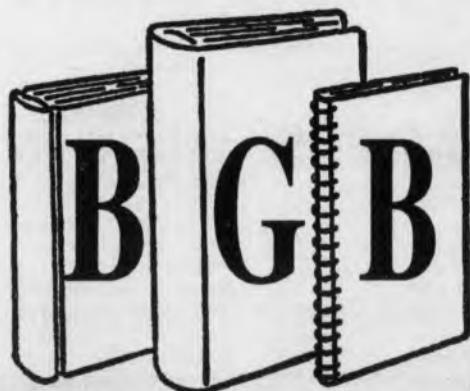
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December 8:

-Holiday concert, Kobacker Hall, 8 p.m.

December 9:

-BGSU Festival Series, Andre Watts, Kobacker hall, 8 p.m.

December 20:

-Annual Holiday Choral Concert, Kobacker Hall, 7:30 p.m.

-Holiday Pot Luck, 101A and 101B Olscamp, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## New heart helps Santa

INSIDE THE MIND, FROM PAGE 3

one time of year when you can get closer to your family and you should take advantage of that."

Over the years, Matheny has seen thousands of children young and old. He said a lot of college kids like to get their picture taken with Santa. One woman in particular came in with her 20-year-old daughter to get their annual picture with Santa.

When children are afraid of Santa, he does whatever it takes to make them feel comfortable. He'll walk down to see them, get down on their level and try to break the ice. Matheny does everything he can to give children a positive experience.

"The true meaning of Christmas can be debated, but it's in the results that you see. I try to take advantage of the good and make it grow," Matheny said.

Santa's House in Woodland Mall opened the day after Thanksgiving for weekends, and hours will increase in mid-December.

## Consumers likely to save not spend

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people with children (61 percent) and those aged 25 to 44 (61 percent).

"If a consumer is really worried about their ability to pay debt payments they should take the opportunity now going into Christmas not to pile more debt on," Hampel said.

When asked what they would do if they had an extra \$5,000, 40 percent of consumers said they would pay off debt and 40 percent said they would save it, the survey found. Only 15 percent of people said they would spend the unexpected windfall.

The consumer and credit union groups suggest the following tips to reduce credit card worries for the holiday season:

—Stick to a budget that sets

aside realistic amounts of money for holiday gifts, food and travel.

—Work from a list when shopping to avoid impulse purchases that could increase debt, and comparison shop to find better deals.

—Consider opening a Christmas club account in January with a bank or credit union, and make regular deposits to help pay for next year's holiday spending.

Most of the telephone survey of 1,008 adults, conducted by the Opinion Research Corp. on Nov. 9-12, has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points. The question that asked if consumers were concerned about being able to pay off their credit card bills from this holiday season was asked of 555 people and has an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points.



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**STEPPING DOWN:** Holiday shoppers enjoy the ups and downs of the busiest shopping day of the season at the Galleria Friday in St. Louis. The nation's retailers opened the holidays shopping season with rampant discounting to get consumers to start spending. However, shopper spending is expected to go down.

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Craig Gifford BG News

**DECKING THE HALLS:** Megan Miller decorated her room in Chapman Hall with lights and Santa paraphernalia to give it a homey feeling.

## Decorations give students the feeling of home

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holidays.

"We decorate at home," Miller said, "so I'll decorate here, it'll be just like at home."

Martin shared similar thoughts saying, "We don't get to go home until

late. At home you get to enjoy your tree, which we are doing here."

Samantha Herstol, freshman early childhood education major and her roommate, Sarah Forney, a middle childhood education major, were working on a countdown Christmas

tree. They also have a wall hanging of Santa and a small tree.

They both agreed that it would remind them of home and give them a new tradition.

"We miss the whole entire Christmas season at home," Herstol

reason for decorating their room.

"I missed out on decorating the family Christmas tree, so I am starting a new tradition here," Forney said.

Waling down the hallways of the residence halls, one can tell that the

University students are anxiously awaiting the holiday's.

"Christmas is my favorite holiday," Miller said.

"It gives us something to look forward to at the end of December, after exams," Forney said.

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## Remake lives up to animated expectations

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The film opens with a beautiful, cinematic vista. Well, this is a Ron Howard film. The breathtaking opening is expected, but a voice enters the picture.

For anybody who has seen the original 1966 cartoon "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (which should be every last one of you), the vocal talents of Boris Karloff were nothing short of memorable.

That being said, it is more than slightly jarring to hear the voice of Anthony Hopkins begin the narration. Once your ear adjusts to it, however, it is quite enjoyable.

The same can be said about nearly every aspect of the new, live-action film version of the "Grinch." If you compare it to the original (of which I, and most critics, are die-hard devotees), you can't help but be disappointed. By itself, though, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" is a fun piece of family entertainment. Bring a few friends and this movie becomes even more fun.

Overzealous Seuss purists reading these words may as well just put this paper down and begin grumbling, because the minimalist Seuss story has been added to and expanded upon. This time around, we get to see the inner workings of Whoville, a community of pig/dog-nosed people who love Christmas

just a little too much. Avarice abounds as little Cindy Lou Who is searching for Christmas to be something more than wrapped boxes.

Critics have panned the film for creating a people we can't empathize. After all, who could find empathy with a people so devoted to commercialism that they destroy the meanings of a holiday? Not an American, that's for sure...

Anyway, Whoville is lost in wild Christmas abandon as one little girl, Cindy Lou, attempts to bring out the goodness in the Grinch. In a Citizen Kane-esque collection of scenes, we discover why the Grinch hates Christmas, Whoville and the Mayor.

After another humiliation, the Grinch decides to steal Christmas. From there, the script adheres to the cartoon and book.

Be warned. This is a darker, meaner and more sinister "Grinch." Whoville looks like Tim Burton collaborated with Dr. Seuss for a cartoon, then made it real. Each Who has personal foibles and vices, unlike the perfect-seeming townspeople from the cartoon. The Grinch is a self-loathing anarchist. But the darkness better shows the light that breaks forth from Dr. Seuss' immortal tale.

The art direction, costumes and make-up deserve an Oscar nomination at least. The details of each set and costume are immaculate. Somebody had too much fun while sit-

ting at the drawing boards.

They wouldn't be the only ones. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" is reminiscent of a cross between the Three Stooges and the Marx Brothers. Slap-stick mixes witticisms, satire and parody. In this age of elitist critics (who love the Marx Brothers), slap-stick has been relegated to the status of "undesirable." It is refreshing to see a movie blatantly mix low-brow sight gags with high-brow commentary.

Nobody seems to have as much fun as the man behind the Grinch make-up. Jim Carrey turns in a performance that proves he has a firm grasp on the intricacies of comedy. And this critic isn't really a Carrey fan. Admittedly, Carrey's antics tend to err on the side of over-acting, but one tends to forgive him by the time the final reel finishes.

The supporting cast builds on the infectious nature of the story, each playing their role to perfection (with the exception of Molly Shannon). Most notable are Taylor Momsen, the cute and sweet little Cindy Lou Who, and Christine Baranski, whose Martha May Whovier makes the most of every minute she appears on the screen.

The efforts of director, actors and designers come together to create a sinister yet engaging tale. Make sure you see the cartoon before you head to the theaters, but do give Ron Howard's Grinch a glance.



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**HE'S A MEAN ONE:** Jim Carrey stars as The Grinch in Universal Studios' "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

# Popular toys are hard to find

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no telling when we will get more in either."

Katafias also said that the Amazing Ally and Maddie Dolls, by Playmates, have been a big seller.

These dolls are the first with an expandable intelligence and memory system. They come with a chip that can be inserted in the dolls back to allow different adventures for children between the ages of 7 and 8 years old.

"These are really popular because of the excessive advertising in flyers and on television," Katafias said. "Also they are hard to get, and people will do anything for something that is hard to find and popular."

Another hot item for Wal-Mart is the LeapPad Activity Books by LeapFrog.

This is an interactive learning book. It works by running a light pen over the book and the book reads the words back to the child.

There are different stories ranging from Winnie the Pooh to Learning the States. The child can work alone or with a parent.

So far this season stores have found it difficult to keep up with the demand of popular toys.

Large toy store chains, like Toys 'R Us in Toledo, are having problems stocking their shelves with the Playstation 2.

"This is in high demand not just in this store, but nationally as well," said Toys 'R Us employees Roxanne Weibel and Rose Mrkva.

This has been popular since it was introduced on October 26, but it is hard to keep up with the demand for the holidays.

Mattel came out with a Barbie Volkswagon for the holidays that has been in big demand with girls between the ages of 4 and 7 years old.

Weibel and Mrkva explain that this Volkswagon Bug may be so popular because anytime Barbie comes out with something new for the holidays there is a huge rush.

Another toy that is popular for pre-school children is Silly 6 Pins by Hasbro Games. This is a bowling game and when the pins are knocked down they talk.

Recently Toys 'R Us has sold out of the new Diva Starz by Mattel.

Diva Starz are dolls that are capable of talking to each other and interacting with the child. They can also be bought with interactive computer software.

These dolls are decked out with names, different outfits, individual personalities and attitudes and are very appealing to girls between the ages of 6 to 10 years old.

Diva Starz are so popular that they are not only sold out in the stores but also on Internet sites like etoys.com, and are being auctioned off on ebay.com.

Weibel and Mrkva said that these toys are hard to keep in stock for the last few weeks even with one and two delivery trucks a day with extra items to stock.

The Toy Store in Franklin Park Mall has also experienced a rush on edu-

cational specialty toys this season.

Rokenbok building sets have been hard to keep in stock for boys between the ages of 6 and 14 years old.

These building sets use robotic controls and LEGO pieces to create elaborate construction tools and designs.

Also the Madeline Doll House by Eden has been a top seller for the Toy Store with girls between the ages of 3 and 7 years old.

This doll house is a replica of the original house as described in the popular Madeline books and movies. All accessories for the house must be purchased separately.

However, all of these stores and more have embraced the early Christmas shopping rush with longer days, extra staff and truckloads of extra stock.



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**DOLL WITH ATTITUDE:** Mattel's "Diva Starz" doll named Tia, is complete with clothes and accessories. She talks, moves and shares her feelings with the other dolls. Each diva has their own personality and attitude.

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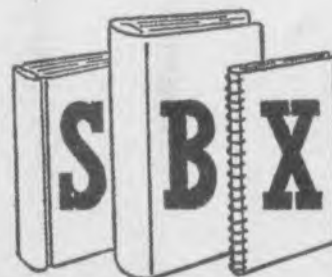
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